

1 GRAMMAR past simple of be

a Circle the correct word.

- 1 This watch was / were a present.
- 2 Was / Were those headphones expensive?
- 3 I wasn't / weren't hungry this morning.
- 4 We was / were at Laura's party last night.
- 5 The teacher wasn't / weren't here yesterday.
- 6 Was / Were you late for work this morning?
- 7 It was / were really cold last night.
- 8 Matt and Alice wasn't / weren't at the meeting last week.

b Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't, or weren't.



A Who's that woman?
B It's Louise Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun.
A Why ¹was she famous?
B She ²was a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery in London.
A ³Was she English?
B No, she ⁴wasn't. She ⁵was French. She ⁶was born in Paris.
A And ⁷were her paintings popular in her lifetime?
B Yes, they ⁸were very popular.

c Complete the conversations with present or past forms of be. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 A What day is it today?
B Monday. Yesterday was Sunday.
- 2 A Hi. Is your sister at home?
B No, she isn't. She was here this morning, but now she isn't at work.
- 3 A I can't find my keys. Where are they?
B I don't know. They were on your desk this morning.
- 4 A Where is your new boyfriend from?
B He was born in England, but his parents were born in Singapore.
- 5 A Why were your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I was very late for work.

d Answer the questions about you.

- 1 Where were you born?
I was born in _____.
- 2 Where were you last August?
I was _____.
- 2 Were you at a party at the weekend?
_____.
- 3 Were you tired yesterday morning?
_____.
- 4 Where were you this time yesterday?
_____.
- 5 Were you at home last night?
_____.
- 6 Were you late for school / work today?
_____.