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 [1] *was* _____ she famous?
B She [2] _____ a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery in London.
A [3] _____ she English?
B No, she [4] _____. She [5] _____ French. She [6] _____ born in Paris.
A And [7] _____ her paintings popular in her lifetime?
B Yes, they [8] _____ 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. _____ your sister at home?
B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning, but now she _____ at work.

3 A I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
B I don't know. They _____ on your desk this morning.

4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
B He _____ born in England, but his parents _____ born in Singapore.

5 A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I _____ 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?
_____.

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