

Past simple verb 'to be'

Exercise 1. Fill the chart using the correct form of the verb BE.

Personal Pronoun	BE (Present simple)	BE (past simple)
I	am	
You		
She / He / It	is	
We	are	
They		were

Exercise 2. Complete the short text using was/were.



Frida Kahlo.

Frida Kahlo, the Mexican artist, ____ born in 1907 in a small town near Mexico City. Her parents ____ Guillermo and Matilde.

Exercise 3. Read the information about Shakespeare and answer the questions.



1. Who was Shakespeare? _____ a writer.
2. When was he born? _____ in 1564.
3. Where was he born? _____ in Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Shakespeare was born in 1564, in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

Exercise 4. Read the answers and complete the questions (using the information from the answers).

1. _____ was your mother born? My mother was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco.
2. When _____ your father born? My father was born in Oaxaca, Oaxaca.
3. _____ he at home yesterday? No, he wasn't.
4. _____ you at work yesterday? Yes, we were.
5. _____ they at school yesterday morning? No, they weren't

Exercise 5. Change the following sentences into the negative form (you can also change the names for personal pronouns). Example: Mario and Luis were at home. They weren't at home.

1. I was at school. _____.
2. Lois and I were friends. _____.
3. Max, Henry and Guillian were detectives. _____.
4. Yesterday was Monday. _____.
5. My parents were at work. _____.