

# Our past

## 8.1 When we were seven

### Grammar verb *be* past simple

1 Circle the correct options.

- 1 It was / were cold.
- 2 You was / were late.
- 3 Andreas wasn't / weren't at work.
- 4 We was / were at home.
- 5 The managers was / were in a meeting.
- 6 Liam and Ava wasn't / weren't in class.

2 Complete the conversations with the correct past simple form of *be*.

- 1 A Was the concert good?  
B Yes, it was.
- 2 A Where were you yesterday?  
B I was at the beach with my friends.
- 3 A Were you and your partner at the party?  
B Yes, we were.
- 4 A Was your sister at home yesterday?  
B No, she wasn't.
- 5 A When were you and your family in Chile?  
B We were there in April.
- 6 A Were your parents teachers?  
B No, they were not.

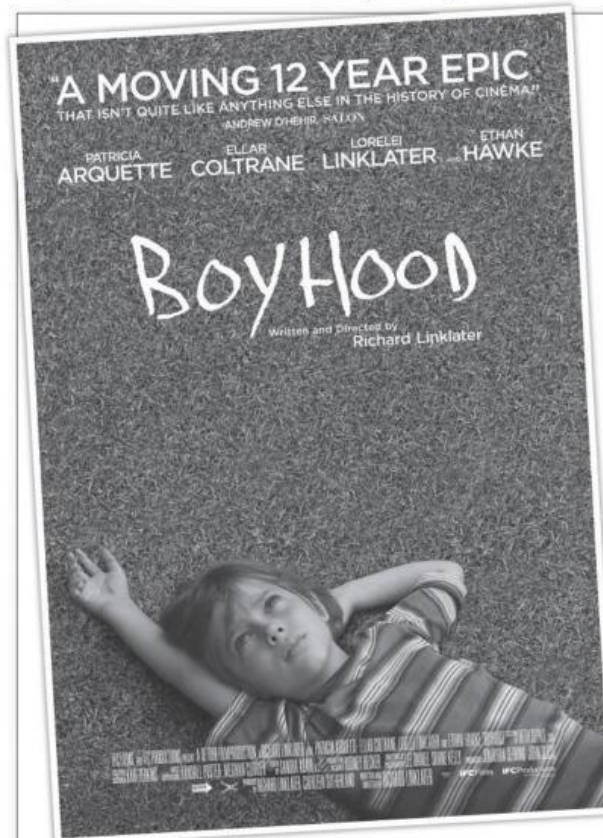
### PRONUNCIATION *was* and *were*

3a 8.1 Listen and mark the stress. The numbers in (brackets) are the number of stressed words.

- 1 I was a good student. (2)
- 2 My parents were rich. (3)
- 3 Were you clever? (1)
- 4 Yes, I was. (1)
- 5 Was she nice? (1)
- 6 No, she wasn't. (1)

b 8.1 Listen again and repeat.

4 Complete the text with the correct past simple form of *be*.



*Boyhood* <sup>1</sup> was a 2014 film about the life of a boy called Mason. The film <sup>2</sup> was unusual because filming <sup>3</sup> was very long – from 2002 to 2013. The actors <sup>4</sup> were the same for all that time; the same boy – Ellar Coltrane – <sup>5</sup> was Mason from the age of seven to the age of eighteen. But Coltrane and the other actors <sup>6</sup> were in the film studios every day for twelve years. They <sup>7</sup> were there for about a week every year making the film. *Boyhood* <sup>8</sup> was the best film of 2014, but many people say they like it.

## Vocabulary dates

5 Continue the series.

- 1 fourth, fifth, sixth
- 2 first, second, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 ninth, tenth, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 eighth, tenth, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 fifth, tenth, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 nineteenth, twentieth, \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 twenty-second, twenty-fifth, \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 tenth, twentieth, \_\_\_\_\_

6 Complete the months with the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u).

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|-----------|-------------|
| 1 Janu_ry | 7 J_ly      |
| 2 F_br_ry | 8 _g_st     |
| 3 M_rch   | 9 S_pt_mb_r |
| 4 _pr_l   | 10 _ct_b_r  |
| 5 M_y     | 11 N_v_mb_r |
| 6 J_n_    | 12 D_c_mb_r |

7 Match years 1-8 to words a-h.

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|--------|--------------------------|
| 1 1912 | a two thousand and three |
| 2 1920 | b nineteen ninety        |
| 3 1977 | c twenty seventeen       |
| 4 1990 | d nineteen twelve        |
| 5 2003 | e twenty thirty          |
| 6 2009 | f nineteen seventy-seven |
| 7 2017 | g two thousand and nine  |
| 8 2030 | h nineteen twenty        |

8 Write the years in numbers.

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1 nineteen fourteen      | <u>1914</u> |
| 2 twenty fifteen         | _____       |
| 3 two thousand and eight | _____       |
| 4 nineteen ninety-six    | _____       |
| 5 two thousand and two   | _____       |
| 6 twenty twenty          | _____       |

9 Write the years in words.

- |        |       |
|--------|-------|
| 1 1876 | _____ |
| 2 2040 | _____ |
| 3 1957 | _____ |
| 4 2004 | _____ |
| 5 1164 | _____ |
| 6 2018 | _____ |

10a Answer the questions using the dates in the box.

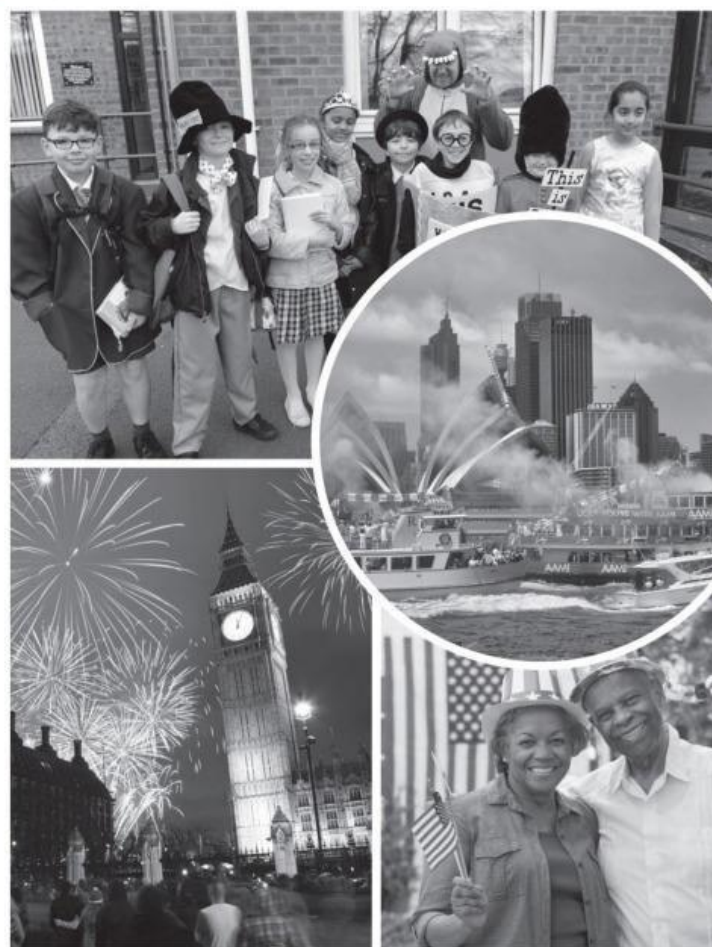
26th January 23rd April 1st May 4th July 18th July  
31st December

When is ...

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Australia Day?             | <u>26th January</u> |
| 2 New Year's Eve?            | _____               |
| 3 International Workers Day? | _____               |
| 4 Independence Day (USA)?    | _____               |
| 5 World Book Day?            | _____               |
| 6 Nelson Mandela Day?        | _____               |

b 8.2 Listen and check your answers.

c 8.2 Listen again and repeat.



I can ...

Very well    Quite well    More practice

use the verb *be* in the past.

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talk about my life then and now.

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