

VERB "TO BE"

Exercises



- 1 Read the descriptions (A-C) and match them with the pictures (1-3).
- 2 Choose the correct verbs to complete the texts.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1

EDSON ARANTES DO NASCIMENTO



2

LAIKA



3

a

It (1) WAS / WERE born in the streets of Moscow, Russia, in 1954. It (2) WAS / WERE known for being the first animal to orbit the Earth aboard the Soviet spacecraft Sputnik 2 in 1957. Its trainers (3) WAS / WERE scientists who prepared it for space exploration. Unfortunately, it died during the mission due to overheating. It (4) WAS / WERE celebrated worldwide for its bravery.

b

He (1) WAS / WERE born on October 23, 1940 - Três Corações, Minas Gerais, Brazil. He (2) WAS / WERE a legendary football player. Likewise, he won three FIFA World Cups with Brazil (1958, 1962, and 1970). Their parents (3) WAS / WERE very poor before his fame. He (4) WAS / WERE married three times and had four children. He died after a long battle with colon cancer on December 29, 2022, in São Paulo, Brazil.

c

She (1) WAS / WERE born on April 21, 1926, in London. For over 70 years, she (2) WAS / WERE the longest-reigning monarch in British history. She (3) WAS / WERE married to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, from 1947 until his death in 2021. Their parents (4) WAS / WERE King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. She passed away peacefully at Balmoral Castle due to natural causes on September 8, 2022, in Scotland.