Complete the text using the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Hilary Mantel is an author. Her name **(0)** ___*was*_____ (be) Hilary Thompson when she was born in 1952, but she **(1)** _____ (change) it to Hilary Mantel, her stepfather's surname. Her real father left home when she was eleven she **(2)** _____ (not see) him again.

She **(3)** _____ (write) her first two books in 1985 and 1986, but they **(4)** _____ (not be) very popular. She **(5)** _____ (not have) the same problem with her next book, *A Place of Greater Safety*. It's about three men who **(6)** _____ (be) important during the French Revolution. Nowadays, Mantel usually writes about lives from the past. Her book *Wolf Hall* is very good, and it **(7)** _____ (win) prizes when it came out. How long **(8)** _____ (she/spend) writing it? She says she **(9)** _____ (spend) five years and she **(10**_____ (be) scared of forgetting all the names. She used cards to remember all the characters.

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