

Present Simple and Past Simple

7 A biography

1 Complete the text using the correct tense and form of the verbs on the right.

My Aunt Nancy



My Aunt Nancy was born in England, but now she (1) lives in Perth, Australia. She (2) went to Australia in 1985 when her husband, my Uncle Jack, (3) _____.

She is 80 years old now, but she still (4) _____. She's an artist. She (5) _____ pictures of cats for birthday cards. She (6) _____ cats — she (7) _____ twenty-five!

She (8) _____ painting in 1986. At first she (9) _____ just for a hobby, but then in 1989 she began making and selling birthday cards. A lot of people (10) _____ them and (11) _____ them.

She usually (12) _____ work at 7.00 in the morning and (13) _____ at 5.00 in the evening. Then she (14) _____ swimming.

Last year I (15) _____ Australia and I (16) _____ with her for two weeks. I (17) _____ a very good holiday.

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die
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go
start

have
visit
stay

2 **T 7.3** Write short answers to the questions.

1 Was Aunt Nancy born in Australia?

No, she wasn't.

2 Did she go to Australia in 1985?

Yes, she did.

3 Did Uncle Jack die in 1985?

4 Is Aunt Nancy 90 years old?

5 Does she still work?

6 Does she have fifty cats?

7 Did she start painting in 1986?

8 Did she start selling birthday cards in 1987?

9 Does she usually work ten hours a day?

10 Does she usually go shopping after work?

3 Write questions for these answers.

1 Where was Aunt Nancy born?

In England.

2 In Perth, Australia.

3 She went there in 1985.

4 She's an artist.

5 In 1986.

6 Because she loves them — she has twenty-five!

7 About ten, usually.