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## Where were you born?

1 Complete the conversation. Use the sentences in the box.



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<input type="checkbox"/> I was sixteen.	<input type="checkbox"/> No, it wasn't. I loved it!
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, I wasn't. I was born in Europe.	<input type="checkbox"/> No, I'm from Belgium.
<input type="checkbox"/> We came here for my father's job.	<input type="checkbox"/> We moved here in 2009.
<input type="checkbox"/> I was born in Brussels.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, they were. We were all born there.

**Jason:** Were you born here in the U.S., Marie?

**Marie:** No, I wasn't. I was born in Europe.

**Jason:** Oh, were you born in France?

**Marie:**

**Jason:** Really? What city were you born in?

**Marie:**

**Jason:** Were your parents born in Brussels, too?

**Marie:**

**Jason:** And why did you come to the U.S.?

**Marie:**

**Jason:** So when did you move here?

**Marie:**

**Jason:** Really? How old were you then?

**Marie:**

**Jason:** Was it scary?

**Marie:**

**2**

Complete these conversations with **was**, **wasn't**, **were**, or **weren't**.

1. **Sandra:** Were you born in the U.S., Ivan?

**Ivan:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ born here in Miami.

**Sandra:** I \_\_\_\_\_ born here, too. What about your parents? \_\_\_\_\_ they born here?

**Ivan:** Well, my father \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ born in Cuba, but my mother \_\_\_\_\_ born in the U.S. – in Detroit.

**Sandra:** Detroit? Really? My parents \_\_\_\_\_ born in Detroit, too!

2. **Kristin:** I called you on Saturday, but you \_\_\_\_\_ home.

**Jennifer:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach all weekend.

**Kristin:** That's nice. How \_\_\_\_\_ the weather there?

**Jennifer:** It \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful.

**Kristin:** \_\_\_\_\_ your parents there?

**Jennifer:** No, they \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ with my sister. It \_\_\_\_\_ great!

3. **Mindy:** \_\_\_\_\_ you in college last year, Alan?

**Alan:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I graduated from college two years ago.

**Mindy:** So where \_\_\_\_\_ you last year?

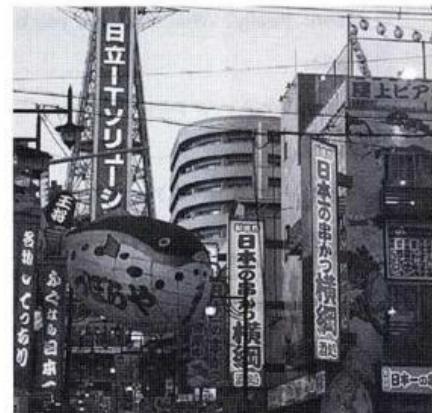
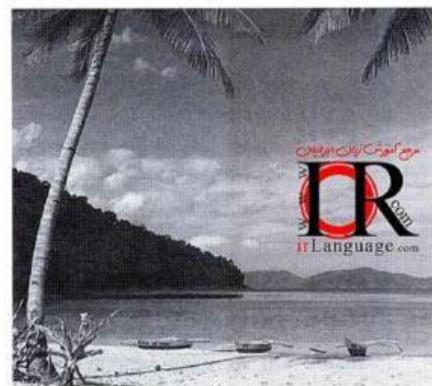
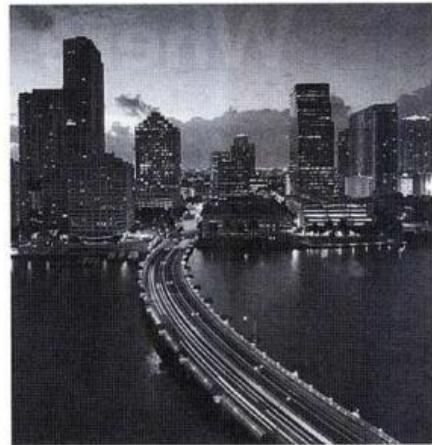
**Alan:** I \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan.

**Mindy:** Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ you in Tokyo?

**Alan:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ in Osaka. I had a job there.

**Mindy:** What \_\_\_\_\_ the job?

**Alan:** I \_\_\_\_\_ an English teacher.

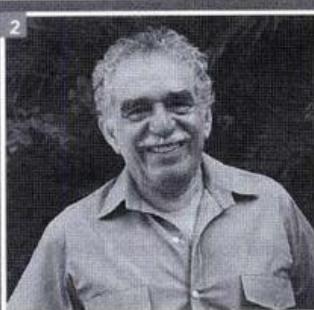


## 3 Write four sentences about each person.



Marie Curie, scientist (1867–1934)

- born in Poland
- won Nobel Prizes in 1903 and 1911



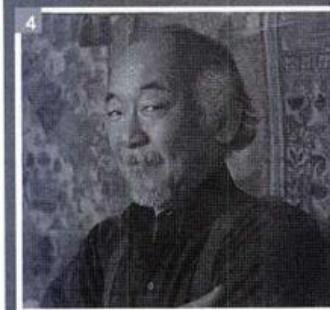
Gabriel García Márquez, author (1927–2014)

- born in Colombia
- wrote *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, 1967



Maya Angelou, author (1928–2014)

- born in the U.S.
- wrote *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, 1969



Pat Morita, actor (1932–2005)

- born in the U.S.
- was in the movie *The Karate Kid*, 1984



Grace Kelly, actress (1929–1982)

- born in the U.S.
- married Prince Rainier III of Monaco, 1956



Salvador Dalí, artist (1904–1989)

- born in Spain
- painted *The Persistence of Memory*, 1931

1. Marie Curie was a scientist. She was born in 1867 in Poland.

She won Nobel Prizes in 1903 and 1911. She died in 1934.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Complete these questions. Use the words in the box.

How  How old  What  When  Where  Who  Why

1. A: What was your favorite subject in high school?

B: It was art.

2. A:                    was your favorite teacher?

B: My art teacher, Mrs. Heintz.

3. A:                    did you graduate from high school?

B: In 2006.

4. A:                    did you go to college?

B: I went to Duke University.

5. A:                    did you study physics?

B: Because I wanted to become an astronaut!

6. A:                    were your professors in college?

B: They were great.

7. A:                    were you when you graduated?

B: I was 22 years old.

#### 5 Write whether each sentence is true or false. Correct the false sentences.



1. Students usually go to middle school before elementary school.

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False. Students usually go to middle school after elementary school. /

Students usually go to elementary school before middle school.

2. Students often study in the library.

3. Students never eat lunch in the cafeteria.

4. Physical education classes are almost always in an auditorium.

5. Students usually study history and science in high school.

**6** Unscramble the questions about your elementary school days. Then answer with your own information.



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1. was your of school how first day

A: How was your first day of school?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

2. your was teacher who favorite

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

3. favorite was your what class

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

4. your who best were friends

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

5. spend did your where you free time

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

6. leave did when you elementary school

A: \_\_\_\_\_

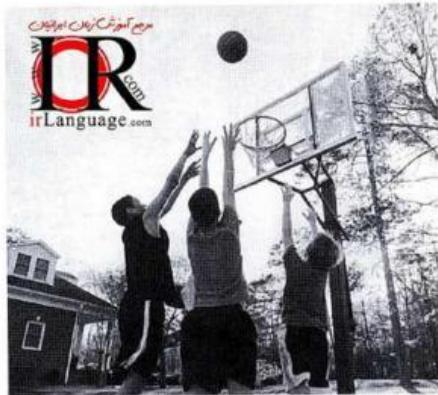
B: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7 Childhood memories

A Complete the questions with *did*, *was*, or *were*. Then answer the questions. Use short answers.

1. A: Were you born here?  
B: Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you grow up in a big city?  
B:
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you play sports?  
B:
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your home near your school?  
B:
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you ride a bus to school?  
B:
6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you a good student?  
B:
7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your teachers nice?  
B:
8. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you have a lot of friends?  
B:
9. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your grandparents live near you?  
B:
10. A: \_\_\_\_\_ both your parents work?  
B:



B Write sentences about your childhood.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_