

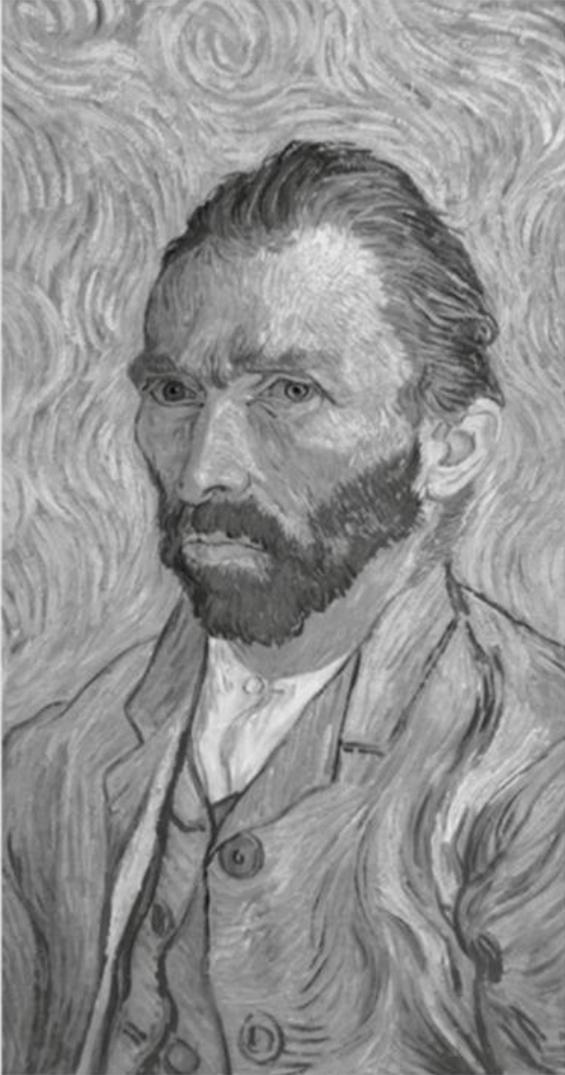
## GRAMMAR

### Simple past: *was/were*

A Complete the text with the words in the box.

was (x2) wasn't Were were (x3) weren't

### Vincent van Gogh



Vincent van Gogh was born in the Netherlands in 1853. His parents <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fairly rich, but Vincent <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ rich when he died at the age of 37. He <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a great artist, but his paintings <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ popular in his lifetime. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they bad paintings? Certainly not, but it <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a long time before people <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ interested in them. Later, they <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very expensive – and today, they cost millions!

B Read the text and write questions for the underlined answers in the text.

### Frida Kahlo



<sup>1</sup>Frida Kahlo was born in Mexico City on July 6, 1907. <sup>2</sup>She was a great artist. <sup>3</sup>At first, her paintings weren't popular – maybe <sup>4</sup>they were too modern! <sup>5</sup>Later, they were very popular. They are in art museums all over the world and they cost millions of dollars. <sup>6</sup>Many of her paintings were pictures of herself. Were they the first selfies?

- 1 A: Was Frida Kahlo born in Mexico City?  
B: Yes, she was.
- 2 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Yes, she was.
- 3 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: No, they weren't.
- 4 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Yes, they were.
- 5 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Yes, they were.
- 6 A: \_\_\_\_\_  
B: Yes, they were.

## VOCABULARY

### Dates and years

A Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Let's go to the New York Film Festival on March *thirtieth / thirty*.
- 2 The Empire State Building in New York is from the *one thousand nine / nineteen* thirties.
- 3 Art Deco was popular in New York in the *twenties / twentieth* century.
- 4 Today, in the *twenty-one / twenty-first* century, more than 8,600,000 people live in New York City.
- 5 The Tower Building (1889) was the *first / one* skyscraper in New York.

B Write the numbers in words.

- 1 He was a writer in the 16th century.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I was born in 1990.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Today is December 12th.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I wasn't with this company in 2002.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Was that in 1909?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Is August the 7th or 8th month of the year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Shakespeare was born in 1564.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## PRONUNCIATION

### was he / was she

9.1 A Read the questions. Then listen and check (✓) if what you hear is the same as the written question. Rewrite the questions that are different.

- 1 Was he the US president? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Was she a painter? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Where was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Was he tired? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Why was she famous? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What year was she born? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Was he OK in the lesson? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Who was she with? \_\_\_\_\_

9.1 B Listen again and repeat the questions. Copy the linked words.

