

Lesson 7B

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VOCABULARY

common adjectives (3)

1 A Find ten adjectives in the word snake.

sdfamousylslowdsamazinglofastbrichmkjstrongqueweakfaspoorlpiubestnpositive

B Complete the blog entry with the adjectives in the box. There are three extra adjectives.

amazing best famous fast poor
positive rich slow weak

My hero

Roger Federer is the ¹ tennis player in my country, Switzerland. He is ² around the world. He is a very ³ runner and he's really strong. He wins lots of competitions and he is really ⁴ – he has lots of money. He's also friendly and ⁵ – he always thinks life and people are good. To me, he's an ⁶ person!

C Select a word to fill the gaps.

- Neymar is a _____ footballer from Brazil.
a weak b best c famous
- Petra's family are very _____ – they have lots of money.
a poor b rich c strong
- Mika's _____ because he swims every day.
a famous b strong c poor
- Osman's is the _____ restaurant in town.
a best b amazing c weak
- I can type but I'm very _____.
a strong b positive c slow
- My mother is a very _____ person – she's always happy.
a best b fast c positive
- I love the new sports centre – it's _____.
a amazing b rich c best
- Your password is very _____. Can you change it?
a famous b weak c fast

GRAMMAR

was, were

2 A Choose the correct alternative.

- My grandmother **was** / **were** a famous singer.
- My parents **weren't** / **wasn't** rich.
- Where **was** / **were** you yesterday?
- It **wasn't** / **were** Yuri's birthday last week.
- I **was** / **wasn't** at the cinema yesterday evening.
- Was** / **Were** the food good at the café yesterday?
- My grandparents **were** / **was** from big families.
- A: Was Ahmed in class yesterday?
B: Yes, he **was** / **were**.

B The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- My parents was on holiday in China last week.
a are b were c wasn't
- The tennis player Emma Raducanu is born in Canada.
a are b were c was
- Who were your childhood hero?
a was b are c weren't
- A: Was Zinedine Zidane a famous singer?
B: No, he were not.
a weren't b was c wasn't

C Complete the conversations with **was(n't)** or **were(n't)**.

- A: Where ¹ you yesterday evening?
B: I ² at the cinema.
- A: How ¹ your holiday?
B: It ² amazing!
- A: ¹ you born in France?
B: No, I ². I ³ born in the UK.
- A: Who ¹ your childhood friends?
B: Amy and Abby. They ² in my class.
- A: ¹ your grandparents rich?
B: No, they ². They ³ poor.
- A: ¹ Yuri in the school football team?
B: Yes, he ². He ³ very fast.

PRONUNCIATION

3 A 7.03 | weak and strong forms: **was, were** | Listen to the sentences. Are the underlined words strong (S) or weak (W) forms?

- Was it your birthday last week?
- Yes, it was.
- Was the restaurant good?
- Yes, it was. The food was amazing!
- Were you at the cinema last night?
- No, we weren't. We were at work.

B 7.03 | Listen again and repeat.

READING

4A Read the text. Select a word or phrase to fill the gap.

A(n) person

Who was your childhood hero? Write and tell us:

- Who were they?
- Are they your hero now?
- Why were they your hero?

- a strong
- b amazing
- c rich

B Read the first two paragraphs of the article and look at the photos. Which photo (A–C) matches the person in the article?

C Read the text again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Nonna's parents were born in Valparaíso.
- 2 Nonna's family was very big.
- 3 Nonna was famous around the world.
- 4 Nonna was a teacher at a university in Buenos Aires.
- 5 Nonna tells Elena about when she was young.
- 6 Elena and Nonna sometimes dance the tango together.



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My hero

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My hero isn't a famous sportsperson or actor – it's my Nonna (grandmother). She's amazing! She's 95 years old, but she plays tennis, swims and dances! Nonna was born in Valparaíso in Chile. Her parents were from Italy, so Nonna speaks Italian and Spanish. She is from a very big family (eight children) and she was the only girl.

When Nonna was young, she was a dancer. She wasn't famous all around the world, but she was famous in Latin America – she says she was the best dancer in Chile! Sometimes she shows me old photos – she was beautiful in her dance clothes!

After she was a dancer, Nonna was a teacher at a big school in Valparaíso and the mother of six children – she was very busy but always happy! She's an amazing cook. When I was a child, my favourite place was Nonna's kitchen. Her pasta and ice cream were the best!

I visit Nonna every Saturday and we spend the afternoon together. We usually sit in the garden and talk – Nonna has lots of interesting stories. She's a very positive person, and she always listens to me and helps me with my problems. Sometimes we dance together – I love salsa, but I can't dance the tango!

