7A GRAMMAR simple past of *be*: *was / were*

Complete with *was / were* or *wasn't / weren't* to make true sentences.

1 Mother Teresa *wasn't* born in India.

2 Kurt Vonnegut _____ an English writer.

3 Tchaikovsky _____ the composer of *Swan Lake*.

4 The Vikings _____ from Germany.

5 Gustave Eiffel _____ a famous French engineer.

6 Roald Dahl _____ a famous British musician.

7 The Beatles _____ from Liverpool.

8 Jennifer Lawrence _____ in the *Hunger Games* movies.

9 Socrates and Plato _____ Greek artists.

10 Pablo Picasso _____ Spanish.

11 Beethoven _____ a Swiss composer.

12 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin _____ the first men to walk on the moon.

13 Adele's first album _____ *25*.

14 The Incas _____ from Mexico.

15 Marco Polo _____ born in Venice.

16 The Olympic Games _____ in Brazil in 2016.

17 Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci _____ famous German painters.

18 Barack Obama _____ the 44th President of the US.

19 Monet and Gauguin _____ French painters.

20 Albert Einstein _____ a German politician.







ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Make questions and test your partner's memory. Correct the information if you can.

Was Mother Teresa born in India?) (*No, she wasn't. She was born in Albania.*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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Where were these people at 3:00 yesterday afternoon?



1 Dan was in bed.
2 Jack and Kate .....
3 Sue .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 And you? I .....

Write am/is/are (present) or was/were (past).

1 Last year she was 22, so she is 23 now.
2 Today the weather ..... nice, but yesterday it ..... very cold.
3 I ..... hungry. Can I have something to eat?
4 I feel fine this morning, but I ..... very tired last night.
5 Where ..... you at 11:00 last Friday morning?
6 Don't buy those shoes. They ..... very expensive.
7 I like your new jacket. ..... it expensive?
8 This time last year I ..... in Paris.
9 "Where ..... Sam and Joe?" "I don't know. They ..... here a few minutes ago."

Write was/were or wasn't/weren't.

1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small, and it wasn't clean.
2 Nick ..... at work last week because he ..... sick. He's better now.
3 Yesterday ..... a holiday, so the banks ..... closed. They're open today.
4 "..... Kate and Bill at the party?" "Kate ..... there, but Bill ....."
5 Where are my keys? They ..... on the table, but they're not there now.
6 You ..... home last night. Where ..... you?

Write questions from these words + was/were. Put the words in the right order.

1 (late / you / this morning / why?)
Why were you late this morning? → The traffic was bad.

2 (difficult / your exam?)
..... → No, it was easy.

3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)
..... → They were on vacation.

4 (your new camera / how much?)
..... → One hundred and twenty dollars.

5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)
..... → Because you were late.

6 (nice / the weather / last week?)
..... → Yes, it was beautiful.

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