

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.)

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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 **is** nice, but yesterday it **was** very cold.

3 I **am** hungry. Can I have something to eat?

4 I feel fine this morning, but I **was** very tired last night.

5 Where **were** you at 11:00 last Friday morning?

6 Don't buy those shoes. They **are** very expensive.

7 I like your new jacket. **Is** it expensive?

8 This time last year I **was** in Paris.

9 "Where **were** Sam and Joe?" "I don't know. They **were** 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 **wasn't** at work last week because he **was** sick. He's better now.

3 Yesterday **wasn't** a holiday, so the banks **were** closed. They're open today.

4 " **Were** Kate and Bill at the party?" "Kate **was** there, but Bill **wasn't**."

5 Where are my keys? They **were** on the table, but they're not there now.

6 You **were** home last night. Where **were** 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**?

2 (difficult / your exam?)

3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)

4 (your new camera / how much?)

5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)

6 (nice / the weather / last week?)

→ The traffic **was** bad.

→ No, it **was** easy.

→ They **were** on vacation.

→ One hundred and twenty dollars.

→ Because you **were** late.

→ Yes, it **was** beautiful.