EXERCISE 2: Affirmative and Negative Statements

(Grammar Notes 1–2, 7)

Complete the paragraph with the words in parentheses. Use the correct form of the simple past.

Pierre Omidyar ___was born___ (1. (be / born)) in Paris, France. His parents ___ (2. (be)) from Iran. His mother ___ (3. (be)) a professor, and his father ___ (4. (practice)) medicine. His family ___ (5. (move)) to the United States when Omidyar ___ (6. (turn)) six years old. He ___ (7. (go)) into the field of computer science. At age 28, Omidyar ___ (8. (write)) the computer code for eBay. eBay ___ (9. (become)) extremely successful. In July 2008, eBay ___ (10. (have)) shares that were worth $4.45 billion. In 2004 Omidyar ___ (11. (start)) the Omidyar Foundation. In 2005, Omidyar and his wife ___ (12. (give)) $100 million to the foundation. The money will help poor people in developing countries. In 2010, Omidyar ___ (13. (join)) 40 billionaires. They all ___ (14. (promise)) to give away at least half of their money before they die.