

# 6.1

## Grammar *was* and *were*

1 Make positive (+) or negative (-) sentences, or questions (?) using the past form of *be*.

- 1 (+) the co-founders of Microsoft / Bill Gates and Paul Allen *The co-founders of Microsoft were Bill Gates and Paul Allen.*
- 2 (?) the restaurant / expensive \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 (-) Harry's meal / very good \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (+) I / very tired last night \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 (?) where / you / yesterday \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 (-) we / late for work this morning \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 (?) why / Vincent van Gogh / famous \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 (-) I / born in England \_\_\_\_\_

2 Choose the correct options to complete the article.

### IKEA is born

Ingvar Kamprad <sup>1</sup>*was* / *were* the founder of the furniture company IKEA. He <sup>2</sup>*was* / *were* born in 1926 in Sweden. His parents <sup>3</sup>*wasn't* / *weren't* rich – they <sup>4</sup>*was* / *were* farmers and the family home <sup>5</sup>*was* / *were* near a small village in the south of Sweden. Ingvar <sup>6</sup>*wasn't* / *weren't* interested in farming. He started IKEA in his uncle's kitchen in 1943. His first products <sup>7</sup>*was* / *were* pencils and other small items. There <sup>8</sup>*wasn't* / *weren't* any IKEA stores before 1958 – it <sup>9</sup>*was* / *were* only possible to buy things from IKEA by mail. The first IKEA store <sup>10</sup>*was* / *were* in Sweden, but now there are stores around the world.



3 Read the article in exercise 2 again. Complete the questions below with *was* or *were*, then write short answers.

- 1 Was Ingvar Kamprad born in Sweden?  
Yes, he was.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ his parents rich?  
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- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ they farmers?  
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- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Ingvar interested in farming?  
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- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ IKEA furniture on sale in 1950?  
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