Complete the sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't*, or *weren't*.

A Who's that woman?

B It's Louise Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun.

A Why [1] *was* _____ she famous?

B She [2] _____ a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery in London.

A [3] _____ she English?

B No, she [4] _____. She [5] _____ French. She [6] _____ born in Paris.

A And [7] _____ her paintings popular in her lifetime?

B Yes, they [8] _____ very popular.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the conversations with present or past forms of *be*. Use contractions where possible.

1 A What day *is* _____ it today?
B Monday. Yesterday *was* _____ Sunday.

2 A Hi. _____ your sister at home?
B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning, but now she _____ at work.

3 A I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
B I don't know. They _____ on your desk this morning.

4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
B He _____ born in England, but his parents _____ born in Singapore.

5 A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I _____ very late for work.

Answer the questions about you.

1 Where were you born?
I was born in _____.

2 Where were you last August?
I was _____.

2 Were you at a party at the weekend?
_____.

3 Were you tired yesterday morning?
_____.

4 Where were you this time yesterday?
_____.

5 Were you at home last night?
_____.

6 Were you late for school / work today?
_____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Write questions and answers.

1 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✔

Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors?

Yes, they were.

2 Alexander Graham Bell / artist? ✘ (inventor)

Was Alexander Graham Bell an artist?

No, he wasn't. He was an inventor.

3 Charlotte Bronte / novelist? ✔

_____?

_____.

4 Frida Kahlo / pianist? ✘ (artist)

_____?

_____.

5 J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis / musicians? ✘ (writers)

_____?

_____.

6 David Bowie / singer? ✔

_____?

_____.

7 Vivaldi and Bach / composers? ✔

_____?

_____.

8 Dante Alighieri / politician? ✘ (poet)

_____?

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