6 Complete the questions about Oprah.

1 Where _did_ her father work?
In a coal mine.

2 What _____ her mother do?
She cleaned houses.

3 Who _____ Oprah _____ with?
Her grandmother.

4 What _____ she _____?
Drama.

5 When _____ she _____ Michael Jackson?
In 1993.

6 How much _____ she _____ last year?
$260 million.

7 When _____ she _____ the girls' school?
In 2007.

8 _____ her parents _____ much money?
No, they didn't.

T 6.5 Listen and check.

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Talking about you

1 Complete the questions with *did*, *was*, or *were*.

1 Where __were__ your parents born?
2 Where _____ you live when you _____ a child?
3 _____ you live in a house or a flat?
4 When _____ you start school?
5 Who _____ your first teacher?
6 Who _____ your best friend?
7 When _____ you learn to read and write?
8 When _____ you get your first mobile phone?

2 Work in groups of two or three. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1.

3 Tell the class some of the information you learned.

> Enrico's mother was born in ...
> His father ...
> He lived in ...

Pronunciation

4 **T 6.6** Listen to three different pronunciations of *-ed*.

/t/ worked
/d/ lived
/ɪd/ started

5 **T 6.7** Listen and write the Past Simple verbs in the chart. Then practise saying them.

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/

BEN'S UPS AND DOWNS

Irregular verbs

1 Write the Past Simple of these verbs. (There is a list of irregular verbs on p158.) Test your partner.

be	was/were	leave	_____
begin	_____	lose	_____
can	_____	make	_____
catch	_____	meet	_____
come	_____	send	_____
get	_____	take	_____
give	_____	win	_____
go	_____	write	_____
have	_____		

▶▶ Grammar Reference 6.3 p138

2 Read about Ben Way. What were his ups and downs?

Ben Way

He made his first million at 17. He was one of the first dotcom millionaires. Then he lost it all ... And now he's a millionaire again! How did he do it?

3 Read and complete the PROFILE of Ben with the verbs in the Past Simple. Compare your answers with a partner.

Listening

4 **T 6.8** Listen to an interview with Ben. What else do you learn about him?

5 Make the questions. Ask and answer them with a partner.

1 What/Ben's parents do?
2 Where/he go to school?
3 Why/he have problems at school?
4 What/his dad give him in 1989?
5 Who/he help with their computers?
6 Why/he leave school at 16?
7 When/he win 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year'?
8 Why/he lose his money?

> What did Ben's parents do?
> His father was a ...

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PROFILE

Ben Way

dotcom millionaire

Year	Ben's Life
1980	He [1] was (be) born on 28, September 1980.
	He [2] _____ (go) to school in a small Devon village. He was dyslexic, he [3] _____ (can not) read and write.
1989	When he was nine, his father [4] _____ (give) him a computer. He [5] _____ (take) his computer everywhere with him.
1991	At 11, he [6] _____ (write) his first software program.
1995	When he was 15, he [7] _____ (begin) his own computer company.
1996	He [8] _____ (leave) school at 16.
1997	At 17, he [9] _____ (make) his first £1 million.
1999	At 19, he [10] _____ (have) £18.5 million.
2000	At 20, he [11] _____ (win) 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year.'
2001	When he was 21, he [12] _____ (lose) everything.
2002 –NOW	BUT THEN – at 22, he started a new company called 'Rainmakers' and he became a millionaire all over again!

PRACTICE

Regular and irregular verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple.

1 My granddad was (be) born in 1932. He _____ (die) in 2009.
2 My parents _____ (meet) in London in 1983. They _____ (get) married in 1985.
3 I _____ (arrive) late for the lesson. It _____ (begin) at 2 o'clock.
4 I _____ (catch) the bus to school today. It _____ (take) just 40 minutes.
5 I _____ (have) a very busy morning. I _____ (send) 30 emails before 10 o'clock.
6 Our football team _____ (win) the match 3–0. Your team _____ (lose) again.
7 My brother _____ (earn) a lot of money in his last job, but he _____ (leave) because he _____ (not like) it.
8 I _____ (study) Chinese for four years, but when I _____ (go) to Shanghai, I _____ (can not) understand a word.

T 6.9 Listen and check.

Talking about you

2 Make true sentences about you using a positive or negative.

1 watch TV yesterday
2 get up early this morning
3 have coffee and toast for breakfast
4 come to school by car yesterday
5 play computer games on Friday evening
6 send a text just before this lesson
7 meet some friends last night
8 go shopping yesterday

I watched/didn't watch TV yesterday.

Compare answers with a partner.

3 Work with your partner. Ask and answer questions with *When did you last ... ?* and the time expressions. Ask another question to get more information.

- have a holiday
- watch a DVD
- go to the cinema
- talk on your mobile
- send an email
- catch a bus
- give a present
- have dinner in a restaurant

yesterday ...
morning afternoon evening

last ...
night week weekend
Monday month year
✗ last afternoon ✗ last evening

▶▶ Grammar Reference 6.4 – 5.3 p138

4 Tell the class some things you learned about your partner.

Nina had a holiday last August and she went to Italy.

▶▶ WRITING T 6.10 A biography p109

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