

1 GRAMMAR past simple of be

a Circle the correct word.

- 1 This watch was / were a present.
- 2 Was / Were those headphones expensive?
- 3 I wasn't / weren't hungry this morning.
- 4 We was / were at Laura's party last night.
- 5 The teacher wasn't / weren't here yesterday.
- 6 Was / Were you late for work this morning?
- 7 It was / were really cold last night.
- 8 Matt and Alice wasn't / weren't at the meeting last week.

b 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 was a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery in London.
 A ³ Was she English?
 B No, she ⁴ wasn't. She ⁵ was French. She ⁶ was born in Paris.
 A And ⁷ were her paintings popular in her lifetime?
 B Yes, they ⁸ were very popular.

: 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)
_____?
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- 5 J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis / musicians? ✗ (writers)
_____?
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- 6 David Bowie / singer? ✓
_____?
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- 7 Vivaldi and Bach / composers? ✓
_____?
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- 8 Dante Alighieri / politician? ✗ (poet)
_____?
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