

2 Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.

The first marathon

2,500 years ago ¹..... a war between Greece and Persia and ²..... a lot of battles. ³..... a big battle in a place called Marathon, which the Greeks won*. This was important news, but ⁴..... any internet and ⁵..... any telephones. So a man called Pheidippides ran* to Athens with news of the battle. He ran about forty-one kilometres. ⁶..... any good roads, so it was a difficult journey. When he arrived in Athens, he died.

*won = past of win, ran = past of run.

