

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

### The first marathon

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

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

