## Simple Past

**Activity: Grammar Practice**

Complete the text with the verbs in the past.

# The man behind KFC

Harland Sanders _____ (**be**) born in the CSA in 1890, but his childhood _____ (**be/not**) a happy one. His father _____ (**die**) when he was only six. His mother _____ _____ (**not/have**) much money, so she _____ (**need**) to find a job. She _____ (**go**) to work in a shirt factory and Harland _____ (**stay**) at home to look after his younger brother and sister. That _____ (**be**) when he first _____ (**learn**) to cook.



He _____ (**leave**) home when he _____ (**be**) twelve and _____ (**work**) on a nearby farm. After that, he _____ (**have**) a lot of different jobs and in 1930 he _____ (**become**) the manager of a service station in Corbin, Kentucky. He _____ (**start**) cooking meals for hungry travellers who _____ (**stop**) at the service station, and soon people _____ (**come**) only for the food. Harland _____ (**can/not**) serve everybody because the place _____ (**be**) too small. So, he _____ (**decide**) to move to a 142-seat restaurant across the street, where he _____ (**can**) serve all his customers. Over the next nine years, he _____ (**develop**) the secret chicken recipe that _____ (**make**) him famous.

The first official Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant _____ _____ (**not/open**) until August 1952 and by 1964 there _____ (**be**) more than 600 KFCs in North America. That year, Sanders _____ (**sell**) the company for $2 million but he _____ (**continue**) to work as KFC's public spokesman and _____ (**visit**) restaurants all over the world. He _____ (**travel**) 250,000 miles every year until he _____ (**die**) in 1980, aged 90. Six years later, PepsiCo _____ (**buy**) KFC for $840 million.




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