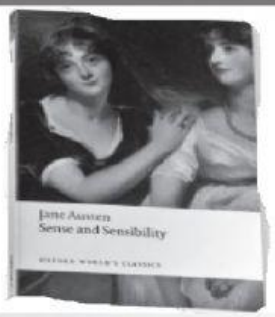
My life is a simple thing that would interest nobody.
It is a known fact that I was born, and that is all that is necessary.
Albert Einstein, German scientist

7A At the National Portrait Gallery



I. GRAMMAR

1. Complete the sentences with *was, were, wasn't,* or *weren't*

A Who's that?
B It's Jane Austen.
A Why [1] *was* she famous?
B She [2] _____ a writer.
A [3] _____ she Scottish?
B No, she [4] _____.
She [5] _____ English. She [6] _____ born in a small village in the South of England.
A And [7] _____ she married?
B No, she [8] _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2. Write the questions and answers

1 Alexander Graham Bell / sportsman? ✗

Was Alexander Graham Bell a sportsman ?

No, he wasn't .

2 Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? ✓

Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors ?

Yes, they were .

3 Charles Dickens / novelist? ✓

_____ ?

_____ .

4 The Beatles / from the USA? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

5 Lord Byron / politician? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

6 Isaac Newton / composer? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

7 Bono / born / Ireland? ✓

_____ ?

_____ .

8 Amy Winehouse / singer? ✓

_____ ?

_____ .

9 J R R Tolkien and C S Lewis / painters? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

10 Michael Jackson / born / Britain? ✗

_____ ?

_____ .

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3. Complete the dialogues with present or past forms of *be*

1 **A** What day __*is*__ it today?
B Monday. Yesterday __*was*__ Sunday.

2 **A** Hi. _____ your sister at home?
B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning, but now she _____ at work.

3 **A** I can't find my keys. Where _____ they?
B I don't know. They _____ on your desk this morning.

4 **A** Where _____ your new boyfriend from?
B He _____ born in England, but his parents _____ born in Singapore.

5 **A** Why _____ your boss angry yesterday?
B Because I _____ very late for work.

II. VOCABULARY

1. Make professions from these words. Use *a* or *an*

1 invent __*an inventor*__
2 write _____
3 police _____
4 compose _____
5 music _____
6 paint _____
7 business _____
8 act _____
9 science _____
10 sail _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2. Choose the stressed syllables.

an in<u>ven</u>tor
a writer
a policeman/ policewoman
a composer
a musician
a painter
a businessman/ businesswoman
an actor/ actress
a scientist
a sailor

3. Complete the sentences with *was/were* and a noun from **1**

1 Francis Drake *was a sailor*.
2 Beethoven and Mozart *were composers*.
3 James Dean _____.
4 Galileo _____.
5 Freddie Mercury _____.
6 The Wright brothers _____.
7 Agatha Christie _____.
8 Howard Hughes _____.
9 Degas and Toulouse-Lautrec _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS