

Childhood

Be born; simple past review; time expressions

Read. Where was Ling born? Where does she live now?

Ramon That's a great baseball shirt, Ling. Are you from Seattle?

Ling Um, kind of. I lived there, but I wasn't born there.

Ramon Oh, yeah? Where were you born?

Ling In São Paulo, actually.

Ramon São Paulo? Brazil?

Ling Yeah. My parents were born in Hong Kong, but they moved to São Paulo just before I was born.

Ramon Wow. How long did you live there?

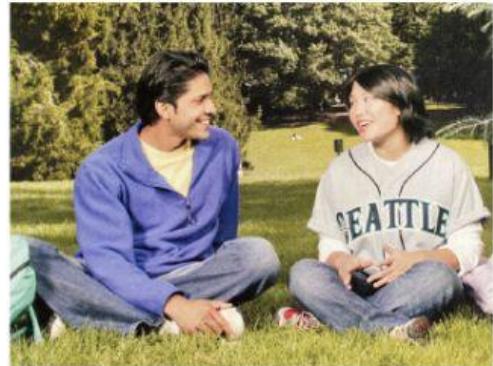
Ling Until I was six. Then we moved to the U.S.

Ramon To Seattle?

Ling Yeah. We lived there for ten years, and we came here to San Francisco about three years ago.

Ramon Huh. So did you grow up bilingual?

Ling Well, we always spoke Chinese at home. I couldn't speak English until I went to school. And actually, I can still speak a little Portuguese.



Complete the two sentences with your own information.

I was born in _____. I grew up in _____.

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Ling's parents **born / were born** in Hong Kong.
2. Ling lived in São Paulo **for / until** six years.
3. Ling moved to Seattle **when / until** she was six.
4. Ling's family moved to San Francisco three years **long / ago**.

Common errors

Don't put **always, hardly ever, or never** before the subject.

*I **always** watch the news.
(NOT Always I watch the news.)*

Complete the conversations with verbs given.

1. **A** Where _____ you mother _____ (be born)? _____ your father _____ (be born) there, too?
B. My parents _____ (be born) in Vancouver in 1945.
2. **A**. Where _____ you _____ (live) when you were young? _____ you _____ (grow up) in a big city?
B. Actually, I _____ (grow up) in Seattle. We _____ (stay) there until I started high school.
3. **A**. Who _____ (be) your best friend in school? How long _____ (be) you friends?
B. Well, my best friend _____ (be) Jane. We _____ (be) friends for a long time.
4. **A**. _____ you and your best friend ever _____ (argue)? What _____ you _____ (fight) about?
B. We _____ (not / fight) a lot. But one time we _____ (not / talk) for three weeks.
5. **A**. Who took care of you when you _____ (be) little? _____ your mother _____ (have) a job?
B. My mother _____ (work), so no one _____ (be) home when I _____ (get) home from school. I _____ (go) to a neighbor's house. But I _____ (not / be) there long.
6. **A**. _____ you ever _____ (get) in trouble? What _____ you _____ (do)?
B. Oh, I _____ (get) in big trouble one time when I was seven. My mom _____ (be) mad at me for days! Then I _____ (make) her a card saying, "Sorry".

Listen and repeat the questions below. Notice the ways of saying **did you**.

Where **did you** go on vacation? What **did you** do? **Did you** have fun?

Complete these questions to ask about someone's childhood vacations.

1. *Did you _____?*
2. *Where did you _____?*
3. *How long did you _____?*
4. *Who did you _____?*
5. *Did you _____?*
6. *What did you _____?*