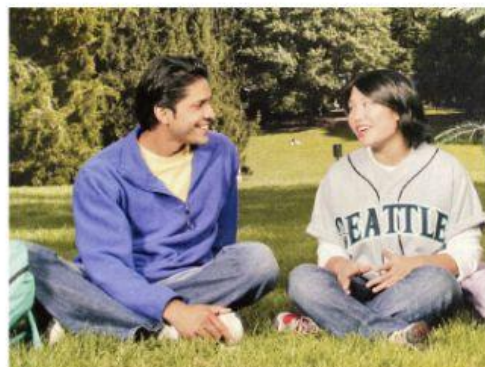


# Childhood

## *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 Sao Paulo, actually.*  
**Ramon** *Sao Paulo? Brazil?*  
**Ling** *Yeah. My parents were born in Hong Kong, but they moved to Sao 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 Sao 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 \_\_\_\_\_?