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.*)

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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 _____?*

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