Exercises

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *was/were*. Use the negative when you see (–) in parentheses.

1 _____ he a famous actor?
2 I _____ a good student at school.
3 A: _____ the bus late yesterday?
B: No, it _____ . (–)
4 There _____ many people at the concert. (–)
5 _____ the tickets expensive?
6 Clive and Sarah _____ born in the sixties.
7 We _____ at the gym this morning. (–)
8 _____ you at home yesterday evening?

2 Write the simple past form of the verbs.

1 live	_____	6 play	_____
2 work	_____	7 want	_____
3 travel	_____	8 like	_____
4 finish	_____	9 stop	_____
5 start	_____	10 watch	_____

3 Complete the text with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Gabrielle-Emilie Le Tonnelier de Breteuil [1]_____ (be) a famous scientist. She [2]_____ (be) born in Paris, France, in 1706. She [3]_____ (get) married when she was 19 and [4]_____ (have) three children. But at the age of 27, she [5]_____ (start) to study mathematics and physics. She was famous in the world of science and she sometimes [6]_____ (work) with the famous French philosopher Voltaire. She [7]_____ (write) a translation of a famous book by the British scientist Isaac Newton, and people still use it today. She [8]_____ (die) at the age of 42.

4 Write the simple past form of the verbs. Write *R* after the verb if it is regular, and *I* if it is irregular.

1 go	_____	_____	
2 grow	_____	_____	
3 make	_____	_____	
4 do	_____	_____	
5 find	_____	_____	
6 talk	_____	_____	
7 buy	_____	_____	
8 see	_____	_____	
9 paint	_____	_____	
10 write	_____	_____	
11 read	_____	_____	
12 move	_____	_____	
13 have	_____	_____	
14 meet	_____	_____	
15 listen	_____	_____	

5 Write simple past sentences using these ideas.

1 we / not go / on vacation / last year
_____
2 Magda / not like / the movie
_____
3 they / live / in the US / for ten years
_____
4 Mike / make / a big mistake
_____
5 she / not buy / a ticket
_____
6 I / speak / to Bogdan / this morning
_____

6 Write simple past questions using these ideas.

1 you / live / in a house or an apartment?
_____
2 What / they / do last night?
_____
3 Where / Anton / study?
_____
4 you / watch / the soccer game last night?
_____
5 the food / taste good?
_____
6 How / they / build their houses?
_____

7 Complete the conversation with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

A: What [1]_____ (you / do) over the weekend?
B: I [2]_____ (visit) my parents on their farm.
A: I [3]_____ (not know) your parents have a farm!
B: Really? I [4]_____ (grow) up on that farm!
A: Wow! [5]_____ (you / like) living there?
B: Yes, it [6]_____ (be) great! We [7]_____ (play) outside all day with the animals.
A: [8]_____ (you / have) many animals?
B: Yes, we [9]_____ (do). But we [10]_____ (not have) many friends because our farm [11]_____ (not be) near any other houses.

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