

## 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.

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| 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.

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|-----------|-------|-------|
| 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.