

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

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

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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: What¹ _____ (you / do) over the weekend?
B: I² _____ (visit) my parents on their farm.
A: I³ _____ (not know) your parents have a farm!
B: Really? I⁴ _____ (grow) up on that farm!
A: Wow!⁵ _____ (you / like) living there?
B: Yes, it⁶ _____ (be) great! We⁷ _____ (play) outside all day with the animals.
A: ⁸ _____ (you / have) many animals?
B: Yes, we⁹ _____ (do). But we¹⁰ _____ (not have) many friends because our farm¹¹ _____ (not be) near any other houses.