

Grammar

Simple past *be*

1 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 He *was* / *were* famous as a child.
- 2 Her grandparents *was* / *were* from Russia.
- 3 You *wasn't* / *weren't* in class yesterday.
- 4 My brother *wasn't* / *weren't* angry with me.
- 5 She *was* / *were* born in 2001.
- 6 They *wasn't* / *weren't* friends in school.

2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 were / last year / in / the same class / we

- 2 at the movie theater / last night / I / was

- 3 flute / wasn't / bag / her / in / Grace's

- 4 weren't / yesterday / my parents / at home

3 Complete the text with the simple past of *be*.

My grandmother ¹ was (be) an artist. She ² _____ (be) an album-cover designer from 1960 to 1968. Her designs ³ _____ (be / not) like other album covers from that time. They ⁴ _____ (be) always black and white and there usually ⁵ _____ (be / not) any people on them. Her covers ⁶ _____ (be / not) very famous, but I really love her interesting designs.

Pronunciation

Understanding *was* and *were*

1  Listen and circle the word you hear.

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| 1 was | were | 3 was | were |
| 2 was | were | 4 was | were |





Ali Farka Touré singing

Vocabulary

Past time expressions

- Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.
 - I didn't sleep much last *night / year*. I'm very tired today.
 - Martha Graham was a famous dancer from the 20th *year / century*.
 - We were at an amazing art show *last / yesterday* week.
 - Artist Katsushika Hokusai died in the *year / century* 1849.
 - Diego Rivera was a famous painter from *last night / the last century*.
- Read the sentences. Are they true (T) or false (F)?
 - Last year was the year before this year. T F
 - Last week was the week before this week. T F
 - An event from last night was two days ago. T F
 - The year 1992 was in the 19th century. T F
 - The year 1850 was in the last century. T F
 - The year 2010 is in this century. T F

Listening

- 1** **0:11:2** Listen to a conversation about the musician Ali Farka Touré. Check (✓) the things the people talk about.

 - where he was born
 - his family
 - his favorite singer
 - his music
 - his first album
- 2** **0:11:2** Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

 - Ali Farka Touré was born in France. T F
 - He played many musical instruments. T F
 - He was a good guitar player. T F
 - He was a farmer. T F
 - He died in 2016. T F
 - His album *Talking Timbuktu* sold 150,000 copies in the U.S. T F