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EZ Speakers II
Lesson 11.2

goals
Past Simple: be
Family: Years and dates


Nathan and Sally

3 GRAMMAR Past simple: *be*

a Underline the correct words.

1 Greg's grandparents *are* / *aren't* still alive.
2 His grandmother *is* / *isn't* a doctor now.
3 His grandmother *was* / *wasn't* a doctor.
4 His grandparents *were* / *weren't* at the same school.
5 They *were* / *weren't* friends at school.

b Choose the correct answers to complete the rules.

1 We use *was* / *were* to talk about:	a now	b the past
2 To make a negative sentence, we add:	a *'nt*	b *n't*

c Complete the table with *was*, *were*, *wasn't* or *weren't*.

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I __was__ ill. She _____ a beautiful woman.	I _wasn't_ ill. He _____ a teacher. He was a doctor.
We __were__ at school together. They _____ friends at university.	No, we _____ in the same class. In 1960 they _____ married.

d 2.43 Listen again and complete the conversation. Which words are repeated in the question and answer?

A What about your grandfather? [1]___ he a doctor too?
B Yes, he [2]___.
A [3]___ they in the same class?
B No, they [4]___.
A When [5]___ she born?
B She [6]___ born in 1939 I think.

f 2.45 **Pronunciation** Listen to the sentences. If *was* or *were* are stressed, underline them.

1 She was a doctor.
2 They were at school together.
3 When was she born?
4 Was she a doctor? Yes, she was.

g Complete the rules with *are* or *aren't*.

In positive sentences and questions, *was* and *were* _____ stressed.
In short answers, *was* and *were* _____ stressed.

h Complete the questions with the correct past forms of the verb *be*.

1 Where ___ you born?
2 Who ___ your first teacher?
3 What ___ your first school called?
4 ___ yesterday a good day for you?

4 VOCABULARY Years and dates

a 2.46 In Part 2, Greg talks about years and dates. Listen and answer the questions.

1 How do we say 1939?
  a one thousand, nine hundred and thirty-nine
  b nineteen thirty-nine
2 How do we say 2004?
  a two thousand and four
  b twenty oh four
3 What extra words do we use when we say *16 July*? What do we add to *16*?

b 2.47 Listen and tick (✓) the years you hear. Then practise saying them.

☐ 2002 ☐ 1930 ☐ 1918 ☐ 2011
☐ 2012 ☐ 1913 ☐ 1989 ☐ 2001

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