



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 'n't b n?

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

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I <u>was</u> ill.	I <u>wasn't</u> ill.
She <u>was</u> a beautiful woman.	He <u>wasn't</u> a teacher. He was a doctor.
We <u>were</u> at school together.	No, we <u>were</u> in the same class.
They <u>were</u> friends at university.	In 1960 they <u>were</u> married.

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

- A** What about your grandfather? ¹ Was he a doctor too?
- B** Yes, he ² was.
- A** ³ Were they in the same class?
- B** No, they ⁴ were not.
- A** When ⁵ was she born?
- B** She ⁶ was born in 1939 I think.

f **Listen** 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 are stressed.

In short answers, was and were aren't stressed.

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

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

4 VOCABULARY Years and dates

a **Listen** 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 **Listen** Listen and tick (✓) the years you hear. Then practise saying them.

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