



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't

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

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I <u>was</u> ill. She <u>was</u> a beautiful woman.	I <u>wasn't</u> ill. He <u>wasn't</u> a teacher. He was a doctor.
We <u>were</u> at school together. They <u>were</u> friends at university.	No, we <u>were</u> in the same class. 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? Was he a doctor too?  
B Yes, he was.  
A Was they in the same class?  
B No, they were.  
A When were she born?  
B She were born in 1939 I think.

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f 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 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 words do we use when we say 16 July? What do we add to 16?

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

2002  1930  1918  2011

2012  1913  1989  2001