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1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct forms of **was** or **were**.

- 1 Shakespeare and Chekhov wrote plays. They _____ writers.
- 2 Columbus travelled to new places. He _____ an explorer.
- 3 Beethoven wrote music. He _____ a chef.
- 4 Elizabeth I and Henry VIII ruled Britain. They _____ inventors.
- 5 Marlon Brando was in many films. He _____ an actor.
- 6 Beethoven and Mozart wrote music. They _____ musicians.
- 7 Muhammad Ali was a famous sports star. He _____ a farmer.
- 8 Marilyn Monroe and James Dean acted in films. They _____ writers.
- 9 Victoria I and Elizabeth I ruled Britain. They _____ queens.
- 10 John Lennon sang in The Beatles. He _____ a singer.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the correct forms of **there was** or **there were**.

In 1950 ...

- 1 _____ any DVD players.
- 2 _____ a train station in London.
- 3 _____ an internet café in Paris.
- 4 _____ some shops in New York.
- 5 _____ any *Harry Potter* books.
- 6 _____ some cafés in Venice.
- 7 _____ any laptops.
- 8 _____ a park in London.
- 9 _____ any hip hop musicians.
- 10 _____ a mobile phone shop in Prague.