2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of *be*.

Q: **1** (…) you interested in history when you **2** (…) younger?

A: No, I **3** (…) . I thought it **4** (…) boring!

Q: **5** (…) there a sports centre in your town 20 years ago?

A: Yes, there **6** (…), but there **7** (…) any skate parks.

4 Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't* and the ideas in the box.

become rich and famous	buy meat	do exercise
vote	watch chariot races	

1 In Ancient Rome, there were gyms, so people …

2 The politicians were all men, and women …

3 There was a big stadium, where people …

4 Fighting was important and successful gladiators …

5 Most people were poor, so they …

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