

Unit 5: Cities and building

5 Choose Y (yes) or N (no).

- 1 Was the Shanghai World Fair in 2011? Y / N
- 2 Were there many visitors to the building? Y / N
- 3 Were the lights inside each rod very small? Y / N
- 4 Was there a lot of technology in the building? Y / N
- 5 Was there a lot of noise inside the building? Y / N
- 6 Was the building popular with visitors? Y / N

6 Underline the correct information.

- 1 The Seed Cathedral was in Shanghai for **six months** / **a year**.
- 2 The rods were **clear** / **black** in colour.
- 3 There were **six thousand** / **sixty thousand** rods in total.
- 4 Professor Gu was at the building **a few** / **many times**.

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE OF BE

was = the past tense of *am* and *is*; **were** = the past tense of *are*

*It **was** a fantastic building. It **wasn't** here for a very long time.*

*There **were** seeds on the end of each rod. They **weren't** very big.*

***Was** there any special reason for the design? Yes, there **was**. / No, there **wasn't**.*

***Were** the rods black? Yes, they **were**. / No, they **weren't**.*

1 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I *was* / *were* at work on Friday.
- 2 We *was* / *were* late home last night.
- 3 He *wasn't* / *weren't* late for the meeting.
- 4 There was a lot of rain so the roads *was* / *were* very wet.
- 5 They *wasn't* / *weren't* at home when I called.
- 6 It *was* / *were* cold yesterday.

2 Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

- 1 The Seed Cathedral _____ (not) here for very long.
- 2 Visitors from many countries _____ at the World Fair.
- 3 There _____ (not) hundreds of rods – there were thousands!
- 4 The seeds _____ from all over the world.
- 5 It _____ very quiet and peaceful inside the building.
- 6 The building _____ a great success. People loved it!

3 Put the words in order to make questions.

- 1 at / home / you / Were / yesterday ?
- 2 she / Was / weekend / with / you / last ?
- 3 in / they / a / car / Were / blue ?
- 4 a / party / it / Was / big ?
- 5 the / he / Was / at / World / Fair ?

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE: REGULAR VERBS

You use the past simple to talk about actions and events that have finished.

You form regular past tense forms by adding **-ed** to the verb. The form is the same for all personal pronouns.

*Gustave Eiffel **designed** the tower.*

You form negatives with the auxiliary verb **did / didn't** and the infinitive form of the verb.

*Guy de Maupassant **didn't like** the tower.*

- 1 Write the past tense forms of the verbs in the box. Use the passage on page 45 to help you.

believe call design enjoy
hate need plan decide

- 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Building workers and engineers _____ (use) iron to build the tower.
- 2 Gustave Eiffel _____ (start) work on the design of the tower in 1887.
- 3 The construction workers _____ (complete) the tower in two years.
- 4 Many people hated the tower at first, but a few people _____ (like) it.
- 5 I'm glad the government _____ (decide) to keep the tower. I think it's amazing!

4 Complete the sentences with the negative form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 They _____ (want) to keep the tower after the World Fair.
- 2 She _____ (enjoy) her visit to the tower.
- 3 We _____ (travel) around the city by car.
- 4 I _____ (plan) to go the tower, but I was really glad I visited it.
- 5 Guy de Maupassant _____ (design) the tower.

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 They *enjoyed* / *didn't enjoy* the museum but they didn't like the art gallery.
- 2 He *called* / *didn't call* her during his trip. He phoned her before he travelled.
- 3 I *used* / *didn't use* the underground in Paris. I wanted to see the city on foot.
- 4 We *celebrated* / *didn't celebrate* my birthday in Paris. We really enjoyed our time there.
- 5 She *needed* / *didn't need* to pay to visit the tower. It was very expensive!
- 6 I *hated* / *didn't hate* my visit to the tower. I really liked it!