

7A GRAMMAR past simple of *be*: *was* / *were*

Complete with *was* / *were* or *wasn't* / *weren't* to make true sentences.

- 1 Mother Teresa wasn't born in India.
- 2 Kurt Vonnegut _____ an English writer.
- 3 Tchaikovsky _____ the composer of *Swan Lake*.
- 4 The Vikings _____ from Germany.
- 5 Gustave Eiffel _____ a famous French engineer.
- 6 Roald Dahl _____ a famous British musician.
- 7 The Beatles _____ from Liverpool.
- 8 Jennifer Lawrence _____ in the *Hunger Games* films.
- 9 Socrates and Plato _____ Greek artists.
- 10 Pablo Picasso _____ Spanish.
- 11 Beethoven _____ a Swiss composer.
- 12 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin _____ the first men to walk on the moon.
- 13 Adele's first album _____ 25.
- 14 The Incas _____ from Mexico.
- 15 Marco Polo _____ born in Venice.
- 16 The Olympic Games _____ in Brazil in 2016.
- 17 Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci _____ famous German painters.
- 18 Barack Obama _____ the 44th President of the USA.
- 19 Monet and Gauguin _____ French painters.
- 20 Albert Einstein _____ a German politician.



ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Make questions and test your partner's memory. Correct the information if you can.

Was Mother Teresa born in India?) (No, she wasn't. She was born in Albania.

7B GRAMMAR past simple: regular verbs

Complete the conversations in the past tense. Use the verbs in brackets.

- 1 **Annie** ¹ Did you study French at university? (study)
Beth No, I ² _____ French; I ³ _____ Italian. I ⁴ _____ in Rome for six months in my third year. (not study, study, live)
Annie Where ⁵ _____ you _____ in Rome? (live)
Beth Near the Forum. I ⁶ _____ a house with some Italian students. (rent)
Annie ⁷ _____ you _____ in Italian all the time? (talk)
Beth Not always, because they ⁸ _____ to practise their English. But I ⁹ _____ to cook great pasta! (want, learn)



- 2 **Alan** ¹⁰ _____ you _____ Brazil? (like)
Ben We ¹¹ _____ it! We ¹² _____ to come home. (love, not want)
Alan ¹³ _____ you _____ around the country? (travel)
Ben We ¹⁴ _____ much, because we were only there for two weeks. (not travel)
Alan ¹⁵ _____ you _____ in hotels? (stay)
Ben No, we ¹⁶ _____ with Brazilian friends. (stay)



- 3 **Dave** ¹⁷ _____ you _____ the match? Arsenal and Real Madrid? (watch)
Carl No, I ¹⁸ _____.
Dave Why not?
Carl I ¹⁹ _____ late last night. I ²⁰ _____ until 7.00. (work, not finish)
Dave But the match ²¹ _____ at 7.45. (start)
Carl Yeah, but I ²² _____ my train. I ²³ _____ home until 9.30. (miss, not arrive)
Dave What a pity! It was a great game.



- 4 **Sam** I ²⁴ _____ you three times last night, but you ²⁵ _____. (call, not answer)
Lucy Sorry. I was at the cinema with my sister.
Sam And I ²⁶ _____ you, too. Why ²⁷ _____ you _____ me back? (text, not text)
Lucy Because I was angry.
Sam Angry? Why?
Lucy Because you ²⁸ _____ to me at the party last week. You ²⁹ _____ to Eva for about an hour. (not talk, chat)
Sam I ³⁰ _____ to Eva for an hour! She had a problem, and she just ³¹ _____ to tell me about it. (not chat, want)
Lucy A problem? Is that why you ³² _____ with her for 20 minutes? (dance)



ACTIVATION

Practise the conversations with a partner.