

My life is a simple thing that would interest nobody. It is a known fact that I was born, and that is all that is necessary. Albert Einstein, German scientist

G simple past of be: was / were V word formation: write → writer P sentence stress

GRAMMAR past simple of be

Circle)the correct word.

- 1 This watch was / were a present.
- 2 Was / Were those headphones expensive?
- 3 I wasn't / weren't hungry this morning.
- 4 We was / were at Laura's party last night.
- 5 The teacher wasn't / weren't here yesterday.
- 6 Was / Were you late for work this morning?
- 7 It was / were really cold last night.
- 8 Matt and Alice wasn't / weren't at the meeting last week.
- b Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't, or weren't.



- A Who's that woman?
- B It's Louise Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun.
- A Why ¹was she famous? B She ² a painter. This self-portrait is in the National Gallery.
- A ³______ she English?

 B No, she ⁴______. She ⁵_____

 French. She ⁶______ born in Paris.
- A And ⁷ her paintings popular in her lifetime?
- B Yes, they ⁸______ very popular.

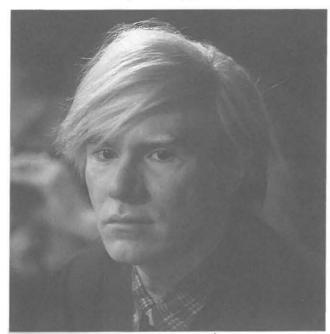
- c Complete the conversations with present or past forms of be. Use contractions where possible.
 - 1 A What day is ______ it today?
 - B Monday. Yesterday was Sunday.
 - 2 A Hi. _____ your sister at home? B No, she _____. She _____ here this morning, but now she ______at work.
 - 3 A I can't find my keys. Where ______ they? B I don't know. They _____ on your desk this morning.
 - 4 A Where _____ your new boyfriend from? B He _____ born in the US, but his parents born in Singapore.
 - A Why _____ your boss angry yesterday? B Because I _____ very late for work.

d Answer the questions about you.

- 1 Where were you born? I was born in
- 2 Where were you last August? l was
- 2 Were you at a party last weekend?
- 3 Were you tired yesterday morning?
- 4 Where were you this time yesterday?
- 5 Were you at home last night?
- 6 Were you late for school / work today?

2 **PRONUNCIATION** sentence stress

a <a>7.1 Listen and repeat. Copy the rhythm.



- A Who was Andy Warhol?
- B He was an artist.
- A Was he English?
- B No, he wasn't. He was American.
- A When was he born?
- B He was born in 1928.
- A Were his parents American?
- B No, they weren't.
- b 37.2 Listen. Say the sentences in the simple past.

1)) I'm at work. (] was at work.

3 VOCABULARY word formation

a Make jobs from the words in the box and write them in the chart.

act art compose dance direct invent music novel paint piano politics science sing write

-er	-or	-ist	-ian
composer			

- **b** Complete the sentences with *was / were* and a noun from **a**.
 - 1 Rudolf Nureyev was a dancer.
 - 2 Beethoven and Mozart were composers.
 - 3 James Dean ____
 - 4 Marie Curie ______.
 - 5 Janis Joplin _____
 - 6 The Wright brothers ______.
 - 7 F. Scott Fitzgerald ______.
 - 8 Degas and Toulouse-Lautrec _____
- c Write questions and answers.



- Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor / actors? Were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor actors? Yes, they were.
- 2 Alexander Graham Bell / artist? X (inventor) Was Alexander Graham Bell an artist? No, he wasn't. He was an inventor.
- 3 Charlotte Bronte / novelist? 🖌
- 4 Frida Kahlo / pianist? ✗ (artist)
- 5 J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis / musicians? ✗ (writers)
- 6 Elvis Presley / singer? 🖌
- 7 Vivaldi and Bach / composers? 🗸
- 8 Dante Alighieri / politician? X (poet)

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