**Simple past of *be*: Activity 1**

Read Grammar Bank 7A. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of *be*. Listen and check.

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| **Grammar Bank**  **7A** past simple of *be*: *was / were*  EXAMPLES  Vincent can Gogh **was** an artist.  **Was** he Dutch or French?  She **wasn't** in class yesterday.  The Beatles **were** famous in the 1960s.  Where **were** you last night? You **weren't** at home.  FORM   * We use *was / were* to talk about the past. * We often use *was / were* with past time expressions, e.g., *yesterday, last night, in 2014,* etc. * We use *was / were* with born.   *I* ***was born*** *in Canada.* |

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| 1. Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.  * weren't * was * were  1. Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Friday?  * were you * was you * wasn't you  1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Thailand last month.  * were * weren't * was  1. ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hot yesterday?  * Was it * Were it * It was  1. The coffee shop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ open this morning.  * wasn't * weren't * were  1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_both born in 1992.  * was * were * wasn't  1. My neighbors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at home yesterday morning.  * was * weren't * wasn't  1. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ late for the party last night.  * were * was * wasn't |  |

**Simple past of *be*: Activity 2**

Read Grammar Bank 7A. The complete the dialogue with *was, were, wasn't* or *weren't*. Listen and check.

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| **A** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you and Charlie at the concert last night? **B** Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **A** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it good? **B** No, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The musicians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_very good, and the singer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_terrible. **A** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the tickets expensive? **B** Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – very expensive! |  |

**Word formation: Activity 1**

Make jobs from the bold words and complete the sentences. Listen and check.

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| **Quick tips**  **Word building: professions**  We often add -*er* or -*or* to a verb, e.g., *writer, actor*.  We often add -*ian*, or -*ist* to a noun, e.g., *musician, pianist*. |

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| 1.  E.B. White **writes** children's books. He's a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  2.  Hilary Hahn plays the **violin**. She's a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  3.  Martin Scorsese **directs** films. He's a film \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  4.  Barbara Kingsolver writes **novels**. She's a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  5.  Jean-Jacques Burnel **plays** the bass. He's a bass \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  6.  Jeff Koons and Damien Hirst create **art**. They're \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  7.  Martha Argerich plays the **piano**. She's a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  8.  Justin Trudeau and Emmanuel Macron work in **politics**. They're \_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |

**Word formation: Activity 2**

Make jobs from the words in brackets and complete the sentences. Listen and check.

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| 1.  Thomas Edison was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . (invent)  2.  Louis Armstrong was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (music)  3.  Clark Gable and Joan Crawford were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (act)  4.  Billie Holiday was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (sing)  5.  Tchaikovsky and Bach were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (compose)  6.  Margot Fonteyn was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (dance)  7.  Alexander Fleming was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (science)  8.  Gustav Klimt was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (paint) |  |

**Sentence stress**

Read and listen. Then say and record.

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| 1.**Who** was **Zaha** **Hadid**? |  |  |
| 2.She was an **architect**. |  |
| 3.Was she **British**? |  |
| 4.**Yes**, she **was**. |  |
| 5.Was she **born** in the **UK**? |  |
| 6.**No**, she **wasn't**. |  |
| 7.**Where** were her **parents** from? |  |
| 8.They were from **Iraq**. |  |

**The Five Greatest Americans of All Time: Activity 1**

Read and listen the information from the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery website. Then choose the correct answers.

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| **The Five Greatest Americans of All Time**  Thank you for visiting the Smithsonian Institute National Portrait Gallery website. The National Portrait Gallery is located in Washington, D.C. The goal of our museum is to tell the story of America through portraits of people who helped this country become what it is today. We would like to introduce you to five of the greatest Americans of all time.  **5. Ben Franklin**  Did you know that he was the owner of a newspaper, *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, at the age of 22? He was also an expert swimmer. He was the most famous American in the world in his day.  **4. George Washington**  George Washington was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. He was the first president of the United States. He died in 1779 at the age of 67.  **3. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  He was born on January 15th, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was famous because he was one of the leaders of the US civil rights movement. He was killed on April 4th, 1968. He was only 39 years old.  **2. Abraham Lincoln**  Abraham Lincoln was the 12th president of the US. He was born on February 12th in 1809. He was president during the American Civil War, and he was killed on April 15th, 1865. He wasn’t very old when he died, only 56.  **1. Ronald Reagan**  Many people think that Ronald Reagan is the greatest American of all time. He was born on February 6th, 1911 and died in 2004. He was an actor and a US president! Jobs were good and salaries were high when he was president. |

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| * 1. Ben Franklin was \_\_\_\_\_\_.   + an actor   + the first president of the US   + the owner of a newspaper   1. Martin Luther King, Jr. was \_\_\_\_\_\_.   + a US president   + the leader of the US civil rights movement   + an actor   1. Ronald Regan was \_\_\_\_\_\_.   + the leader of the US civil rights movement   + an actor   + the owner of a newspaper |  |

**The Five Greatest Americans of All Time: Activity 2**

Read the text again and decide if the sentences are *﻿true*﻿or *﻿false.*

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* 1. Ben Franklin was a young newspaper owner.
  + True
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  1. George Washington was born on February 12, 1732.
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  1. George Washington was 76 when he died.
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  1. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15th, 1929.
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  1. Martin Luther King, Jr. was young when he died.
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  1. Abraham Lincoln was a painter.
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  1. Abraham Lincoln was 56 when he died.
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  1. The greatest American of all time was a singer.
  + True
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