

Grammar unit 7

1 Look at the fact file about Elvis Presley. Then write the questions and the answers. Use the correct form of **was** or **were**.

Elvis Presley	
Born:	1935
Parents:	Vernon and Gladys
Brother:	Jessie
Favourite interests:	music and clothes
Became famous:	in the 1950s

when / born?

When was he born?

He was born in 1935.

1 his parents / Vernon and Jessie?

_____?
 _____?

2 who / his brother?

_____?
 _____?

3 what / favourite interests?

_____?
 _____?
 _____?

4 he / famous / in the 1940s?

_____?
 _____?

2 Complete the sentences about these things in the year 1900. Use the affirmative and negative form of **there was** and **there were**.

There weren't any TVs.

- _____ schools.
- _____ a capital city in Spain.
- _____ an airport near Barcelona.
- _____ any CD players.
- _____ any fast food restaurants.
- _____ explorers and writers.

3 Read the text. Then complete the sentences. Use the affirmative or negative past simple form of the verbs in the box.

check like play ~~stay~~ stay travel

I'm Dino. Last summer, my family and I weren't at home. We were in Italy. We were at my grandparents' house. There wasn't a computer at their house. One day, I played in a football match on the beach. Football was fun, but my favourite activity was surfing.

Last summer, Dino and his family *didn't stay at* home.

- They _____ Italy.
- They _____ house.
- Dino _____ emails.
- He _____ tennis on the beach.
- He really _____.

4 Write past simple sentences with ago.

I / watch / a horror film / on Tuesday (It is now Friday.)

I watched a horror film three days ago.

- I / finish / my homework / at 7.50 p.m. (It is now 8 p.m.)

- I / visit / my friend in London / in February (It is now August.)

- I / play / basketball at ten o'clock this morning (It is now one o'clock in the afternoon.)

- I / start / school in 1997 (It is now 2009.)

Vocabulary unit 7



1 Write jobs for the definitions.

This person works in a hospital. *doctor*

- 1 This person teaches students.

- 2 This person writes books. _____
- 3 This woman rules like a king.

- 4 This person travels and finds new places.

- 5 This person does experiments in a laboratory.

- 6 This person is very good at drama.

2 Match 1–10 with a–j to make words for people and jobs.

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|----------|--------|
| 1 politi | a r |
| 2 art | b tor |
| 3 compos | c cian |
| 4 inven | d ist |
| 5 direct | e ian |
| 6 come | f e |
| 7 archit | g or |
| 8 rule | h dian |
| 9 athlet | i ect |
| 10 music | j er |

3 Complete the sentences with the singular or plural form of the words in exercise 2.

- 1 Pedro Almodóvar is a famous _____.
- 2 Leonardo da Vinci was an _____ and an _____.
- 3 _____ work at the Cortes Generales (Congreso and Senado).
- 4 A king is an example of a _____.
- 5 Ángel Martín is a _____. He makes people laugh.
- 6 Some _____ can run very fast.
- 7 _____ play music and _____ write music.
- 8 _____ think of ideas for new buildings.

4 Complete the table with the past simple forms of the verbs in the box.

carry change discover invade invent like live marry name paint plan play prefer study travel visit
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+ -d	+ -ed
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
y + -ied	double letter + -ed
<i>carried</i>	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in exercise 4.

- 1 In 1937, the artist Pablo Picasso _____ the picture *Guernica*.
- 2 The composer Beethoven also _____ the piano.
- 3 William the Conqueror was French. He _____ England in 1066, and he ruled there from 1066–1087.
- 4 English travellers _____ the American city 'New York' after the British city 'York'.
- 5 In 1996, the actor Antonio Banderas _____ the actress Melanie Griffith. They have a daughter, Estela.
- 6 The American inventor Thomas Edison really _____ reading – it was his favourite hobby.

6 Write sentences that are true for you. Use the affirmative or negative past simple form of the verbs.

- 1 Last week, I (study) _____.
- 2 When I was five, my family (live) _____.
- 3 Last summer, my family (travel) _____.

