

was, were

- 1 Look at the fact file about American singer 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

there was, there were

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

- _____ schools.
- _____ a country named Bangladesh.
- _____ an airport in Frankfurt.
- _____ any CD players.
- _____ any fast food restaurants.
- _____ many explorers and writers.

Past simple: affirmative and negative

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

I'm Leo. Last summer, my family and I weren't at home. We were in Turkey. 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, Leo and his family didn't stay at home.
- They _____ Turkey.
- They _____ house.
- Leo _____ emails.
- He _____ tennis on the beach.
- He really _____.

Past time expressions

- 4 Write past simple sentences with *ago*.

I / see / an action film / on Tuesday (It is now Friday.)

I watched a horror film three days ago.

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

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

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

- 4 I / start / school in 2009 (It is now 2016.)

- 5 Write true sentences about what you did. Use the time expressions in brackets.

- _____ (last summer)
- _____ (a week ago)
- _____ (in 2008)
- _____ (yesterday)
- _____ (last year)