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Simple Past Tense of the verb "be"

Subject	Present	Past
I	am	was
We		
You	are	were
They		
He		
She	is	was
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POSITIVE

I	was	
You	were	1
He / She / It	was	famous.
We	were	iamous.
You	were	
They	were	F

NEGATIVE

I	wasn't	
You	weren't	
He / She / It	wasn't	c
We	weren't	famous.
You	weren't	
They	weren't	

INTERROGATIVE

Was	I	of the second
Were	you	
Was	he / she / it	famous?
Were	we	famous?
Were	you	
Were	they	

Verb be: simple past

 Study these examples and complete the following statements. Instigue os alunos a observar as palavras destacadas nas frases.

Villa-Lobos's father was a librarian and an amateur musician.

Computers and technology were major obsessions in the life of Steve Jobs.

- a) are the two forms of the verb be in the simple past.
- b) In affirmative statements, was and were come _____ the subject.
- c) "Villa-Lobos's father" can be replaced by the pronoun ______.
- d) "Computers and technology" can be correctly replaced by the pronoun _______.
- 2. Analyze the information below and then complete the rules for the simple past of the verb be.

Affirmative form

l/he/she/it was

You/we/they were

Negative form

I/he/she/it was not (wasn't)

You/we/they were not (weren't)

Interrogative form

Was I/he/she/it...?

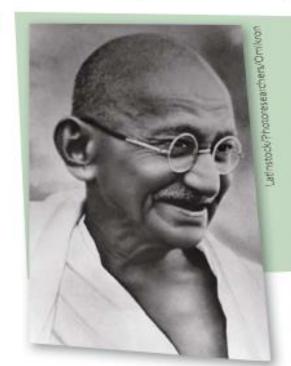
Were you/we/they...?

2. Analyze the information below and then complete the rules for the simple past of the verb be. Affirmative form Interrogative form I/he/she/it was Was I/he/she/it...? Negative form You/we/they were Were you/we/they...? I/he/she/it was not (wasn't) You/we/they were not (weren't) In affirmative sentences, the past forms of the verb be are used ___ the subject. In negative is added to the verb be forms, which come _ the subject as well. In sentences. questions, the past forms of the verb be are placed right the subject. Pay attention! Information questions begin with the interrogative pronouns followed by the past forms of the verb be. Where were you last night? Who was the most famous cubist painter? The expression be born is often used in its simple past form. They were born in 1945. She was born in the USA. In affirmative short answers, DO NOT use contracted forms. Contracted forms are only possible in negative short answers. Were you at the party last night?

Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

 Read the following information about some world personalities and fill in the blanks with the simple past of the verb be and be born. Then, listen and check your answers.

a)



Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, India. He attended university in London and graduated in Law. In 1893, he went to South Africa where he fought against discriminatory policies. In 1914, he returned to India, where he became the leader of the Indian National Congress. He amajor political and spiritual leader and his non-violent civil disobedience campaign led to Indian independence.

Source: BIO. Mahatma Gandhi. Available at: http://www.biography.com/people/mahatma-gandhi-9305898#spiritual-and-political-leader. Accessed on: 17 Sept. 2014.

b)

Agnes Bojaxhiu _______ in Skopje
(current capital of Macedonia). Her parents ______ 8 years
old, her father died of unknown causes. At 18, she decided
to become a nun and joined the Loreto Sisters of Dublin.

It ______ in Ireland that she took the name of



Source: BIO. Mother Teresa. Available at: http://www.biography.com/people/mother-teresa-9504160#early-life. Accessed on: 17 Sept. 2014.



c)



Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderon
______ on July 6, 1907 in Coyoacan,
Mexico. Kahlo planned to become a doctor, but she
didn't finish her studies because of a severe accident
that changed her life forever. After the accident, she
started painting. She ______ 22 years
old when she met Diego Rivera, the famous Mexican
muralist. They ______ married in 1929
and they ______ both active members of
the Mexican Communist Party.

Source: FRIDA KAHLO FOUNDATION. Frida Kahlo biography. Available at: http://www.frida-kahlo-foundation.org/biography.html. Accessed on: 17 Sept. 2014.

a) Was Mother Teresa born in India?

d) Who was the leader of civil disobedience in India?

b) Who was a college dropout?

e) When was the Montgomery bus boycott in Alabama?

c) Where was Mandela from?

5. Now, write questions for the following answers.

Steve Jobs was adopted in San Francisco.

No, he wasn't. Picasso was a famous painter.

Heitor Villa-Lobos was 72 years old when he died.

d) ____

Jobs and Rosa Parks were from the USA.

e) _____

Kahlo was born in Mexico.

6. Após finalizarem a atividade, peça a alguns alunos que leiam suas frases. Copie-as na lousa e trabalhe as posições de was/were com a turma.

6. Now, research a world personality you admire and write sentences using the following structures.