

9 Times past

- Grammar: *was/were born* • Past Simple – irregular verbs
- Vocabulary: People and jobs • Irregular verbs
- Everyday English: Saying dates

STARTER 1 **CD2 39** Listen and circle the years you hear. Say them.

1. 1996 / 1986 2. 1916 / 1960 3. 2010 / 2002 4. 1699 / 1799 5. 1840 / 1945 6. 2005 / 2015

2 **CD2 40** Listen and repeat.

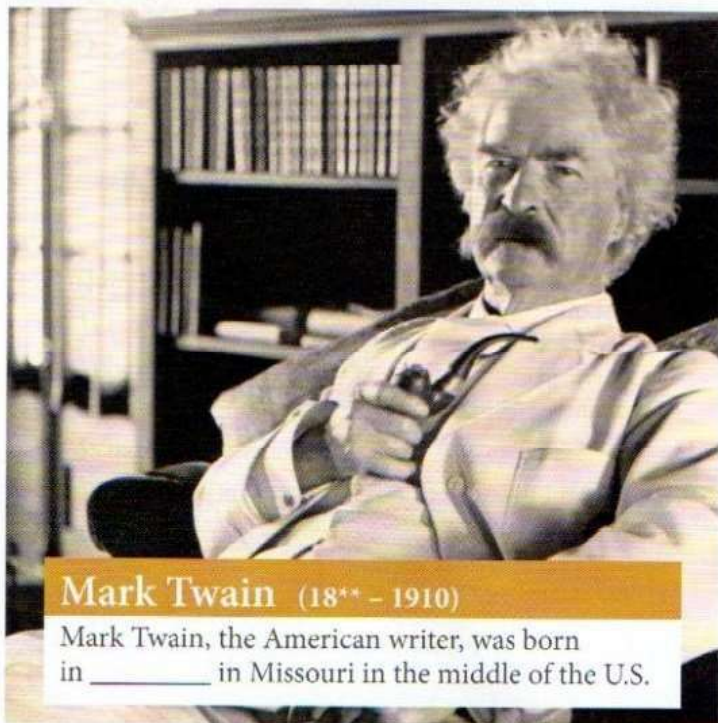
1804 eighteen oh four 1996 nineteen ninety-six 2005 two thousand five 2010 two thousand ten / twenty ten

3 What year is it now? What year was it last year? What year is it next year?

WHEN WERE THEY BORN?

was/were born

1 **CD2 41** Do you know the people? When were they born? Listen and write the years.



Mark Twain (18** – 1910)

Mark Twain, the American writer, was born in _____ in Missouri in the middle of the U.S.



Frida Kahlo (19** – 1954)

Frida Kahlo, the Mexican artist, was born in _____ in a small town near Mexico City.

2 **CD2 42** Listen and repeat.

Frida Kahlo was an artist. She was born in 1907.

Mark Twain was a writer. He was born in 1835.

3 Ask and answer questions with other students.

How old are you?

I'm ... I was born in 19 ...

- 4 **CD2 43** Listen to the questions and answers. Practice them.

When were you born? I was born in 1996.
 When was he born? He was born in 1978.
 When was she born? She was born in 1991.
 When were they born? They were born in 2001.



GRAMMAR SPOT

Complete the table of the verb *to be*.

	Present	Past
I	am	
You	are	were
He/She/It	is	
We	are	were
They	are	

▶▶ Grammar Reference 9.1 p. 122

- 5 **CD2 44** Listen to Maggie Davis talking about her family. Write when the people were born.



MAGGIE'S FAMILY

Maggie 1994

Timothy

Cecilia

Matt

Alexander

Ella

Edith

Ask and answer questions about the people.

Who's Timothy?

He's Maggie's brother.

When was he born?

In 1985.

Who are Alexander and Ella?

They're her ...

When were they ...?

- 6 Who is your grandmother/grandfather/aunt/uncle ...?

Write the names of some people in your family.
 Ask and answer questions about them.

Ernest

Mary

A Who's Ernest?
 B He's my uncle.

A When was he born?
 B I'm not sure. I think about 1965.

- 7 Tell the class about your partner's family.

Peter's uncle was born in 1956.
 His mother was born in 1962.



PRACTICE

Who were they?

- 1 Who are the people in the photographs?
Match the people 1-8 and the jobs in the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> musician | <input type="checkbox"/> artist | <input type="checkbox"/> race-car driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> actor | <input type="checkbox"/> princess | |



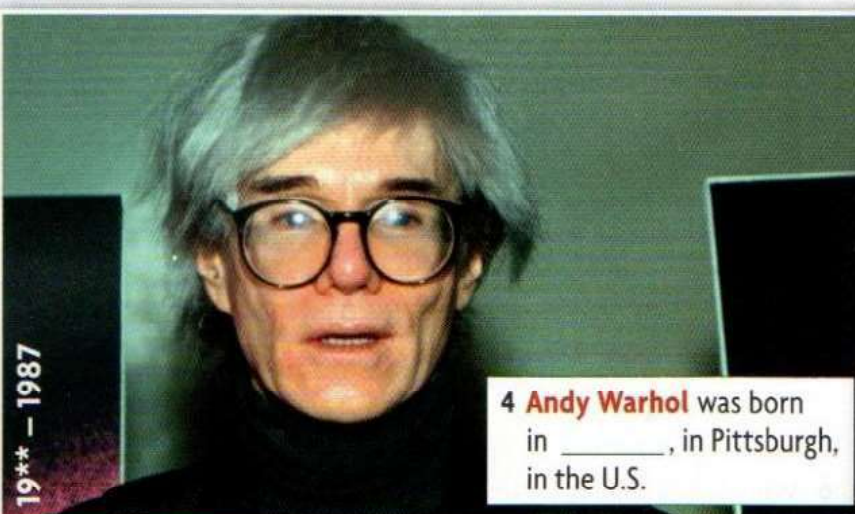
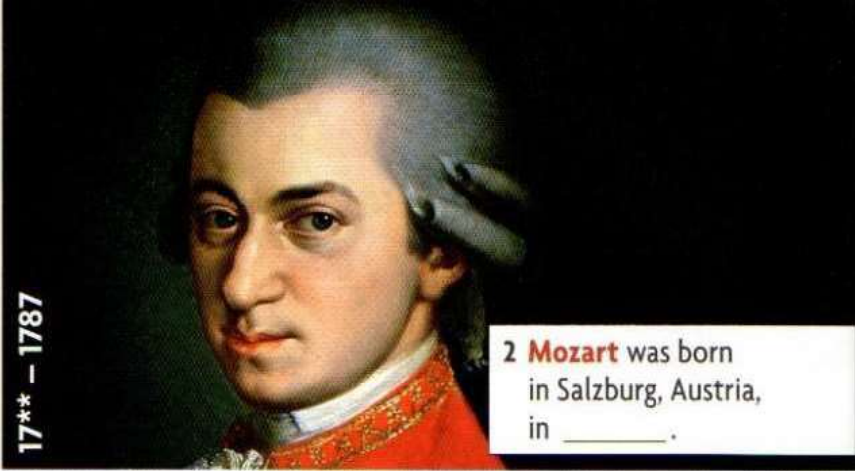
- 2 **CD2 45** Listen and write when they were born.
3 **CD2 46** Listen to the questions and answers.
Practice them.

Who was Shakespeare? He was a writer.
Where was he born? In England.
When was he born? In 1564.

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the
questions about the other people.

Who was Andy Warhol?

He was an...





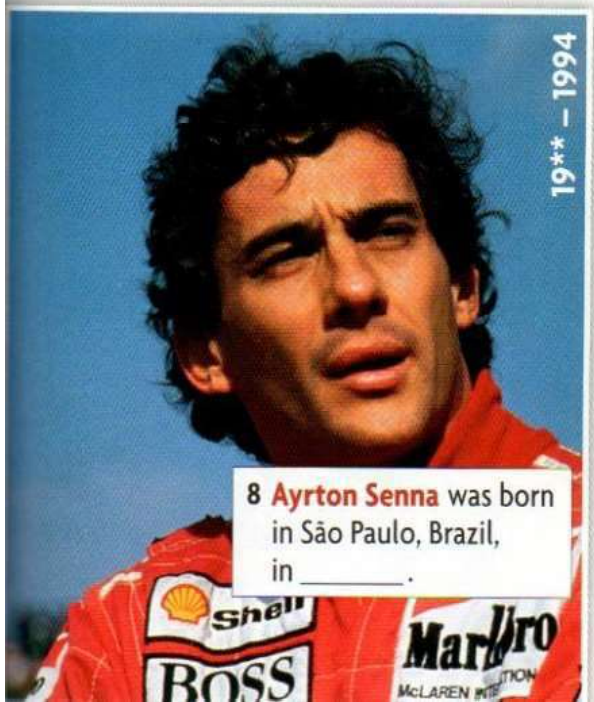
18** - 1925

6 **Sun Yat-sen** was born in Guangdong province, China, in _____.



19** - 1962

7 **Marilyn Monroe** was born in _____, in Los Angeles, in the U.S.



19** - 1994

8 **Ayrton Senna** was born in São Paulo, Brazil, in _____.

Negatives and pronunciation

4 **CD2 47** Listen and repeat.

Shakespeare was an artist.

No, he wasn't. He was a writer.

Shakespeare and Diana were American.

No, they weren't. They were English.

5 Write the correct information.

1. Ayrton Senna was an actor.

No, he wasn't. He was a race-car driver.

2. Frida Kahlo was a princess.

No, she _____.

3. Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley were Mexican.

No, they _____.

4. Mozart was a scientist.

No, he _____.

5. Frida Kahlo and Andy Warhol were politicians.

No, they _____.

6. Sun Yat-sen was a singer.

No, he _____.

CD2 48 Listen and check. Practice the sentences.



Pronunciation

/wəz/

1 He **was** an artist.

/wəznt/

No, he **wasn't**.

/wər/

2 They **were** American.

/wərent/

No, they **weren't**.

Today and yesterday

6 What is true for you? Tell a partner.

Today is ...

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday.

Yesterday was ...

Today I'm ...

at school / at home / at work.

Yesterday I was ...

Today the weather is ...

hot / cold / wet / nice / horrible.

Yesterday the weather was ...

Today my parents are ...

at work / at home.

Yesterday my parents were ...

Check it

7 Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, or *weren't*.

1. Where was your mother born?

2. When _____ your parents born?

3. No, my parents _____ both born in 1951. My father _____ born in 1951, and my mother _____ born in 1953.

4. I _____ in New York in 1999.

5. "_____ he at home yesterday?" "No, he _____."

6. "_____ you at work yesterday?" "Yes, we _____."

7. "_____ they at school yesterday morning?" "No, they _____."