

Where were you born?



lesson 1

1 Steve Jobs was one of the founders of Apple Computers. Listen and read his biography.

[Steve Jobs](#) was born on February 24th, 1955 in San Francisco, California. His adoptive parents were [Clara and Paul Jobs](#). As a boy, Steve was very intelligent. But believe it or not, he wasn't a very good student. When Steve was in high school, he was friends with a young man named [Steve Wozniak](#). Steve J. and Steve W. were the original creators of [Apple Computers](#).

Jobs was only 56 years old at the time of his death. Ask anyone about Steve Jobs and they will probably tell you this: he was one of the most influential men in the history of the tech world. His most important creations were the [Apple II](#) in 1977, the [Macintosh](#) in 1984, the [iTunes store](#) and the [iPod](#) in 2001, the [iPhone](#) in 2007 and the [iPad](#) in 2010.



2 Complete the chart with information from the biography.

About Steve Jobs	
Date of birth	February 24 th , 1955
Place of birth	
Important creations:	
1977	
1984	
2001	
2007	
2010	



Work with a partner. When was he or she born? Where was he or she born?

- A: When were you born?
 B: I was born on August 4th, 1999.
 A: Where were you born?
 B: I was born in São Paulo.

Grammar feed

Past of Be

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Yes/No Questions	Wh- Questions
Were you born in Porto Alegre?	When were you born?
Yes, I was. No, I wasn't.	I was born in 2001. I wasn't born in May. I was born in April.
Was Steve Jobs very intelligent? Yes, he was. But he wasn't a very good student.	Where was Steve Jobs born? He was born in San Francisco, California.

< Verb be; past of be >

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3 Read the short biographies. Circle the correct past form of be.

- Rosa Parks (was / were) a civil rights activist. She (was / were) born on February 4th, 1913 in the United States. She (was / were) famous for fighting for racial equality, when black people (was / were) discriminated in the United States.
- Zumbi (was / were) a famous leader of Quilombo dos Palmares. He (was / were) a slave when he (was / were) a child. He (was / were) born in 1655, and he (was / were) 40 years old at the time of his death, on November 20th, 1695.

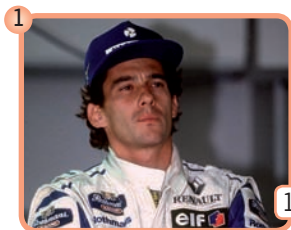
Look!

wasn't = was + not
weren't = were + not



Antonio Parreiras. Zumbi (detalhe) sem data, óleo sobre tela, 113x86 cm. Governo do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, RJ.

4 Answer the questions. Use the cues in the pictures to help you.



Was Ayrton Senna a car racer? Yes, he was
When was he born? He was born in 1960

Was Princess Diana American? _____
Where was she born? _____



Were Picasso and Dali French? _____
Where were they born? _____

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5 Work with a partner. Talk about two famous people from Activity 4. You can use the short biographies in Activity 3 as a model and add further information.

Ayrton Senna was a famous car racer. He was born in 1960. He was Brazilian.



1 Listen and read about some technological breakthroughs from the 20th century and their most modern versions.

Some time in the 20th century . . .



In 1950, there were big and heavy computers.



In 1979, there were audio cassette players.



In 1972, there was only one video game console.



There were cell phones in 1983.

Nowadays



Nowadays, there are very fast personal computers.



Nowadays, there are MP3 players.



Nowadays, there are many different kinds of video game consoles.



Nowadays, there are smartphones.

Your turn! Which gadget from the past was the most surprising for you? Discuss with your classmates.

Grammar feed

Past of *There is/There are*

Were there personal computers in 1950?
Yes, **there were**. There was a computer called Simon.

Were there cell phones in 1950?
No, **there weren't**.

< *There is/are; past of be; past of there is/are* >



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Study this

Present → Past
There is → There was
There are → There were

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2 Complete the questions with *Was there* or *Were there*. Then answer the questions.

- Were there payphones in 1920? Yes, there were.
- _____ computers at schools in 1980? No, _____.
- _____ a park in the neighborhood in 1980? Yes, _____.
- _____ Internet at homes in 1990? No, _____.
- _____ air pollution in 1960? Yes, _____.
- _____ astronauts in 1940? No, _____.
- _____ hospitals in 1910? Yes, _____.
- _____ radio in 1940? Yes, _____.

3 Use the prompts to create sentences. Write affirmative (✓) or negative (✗) sentences.

- There / a beautiful lake in my town / in 1975
There was a beautiful lake in my town in 1975.
- There / many cars on the streets / in 1910
- There / a huge tree / in the backyard when I was a kid
- There / MP3 players / in 1999

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4 Work with a partner. Take turns asking and answering about inventions in 1920, 1960 and 2012. Use the information in the chart.

	In 1920	In 1960	In 2012
airplanes	✓	✓	✓
antibiotics		✓	✓
microwave ovens		✓	✓
television		✓	✓
Internet			✓
air conditioning	✓	✓	✓

Were there airplanes in 1920?

Yes, there were.

iRead

Reading Strategy

1 Look at the text in Activity 2. What kind of text is it?

- a narrative an e-mail a biography

2 Helen Keller was a remarkable woman who was able to accomplish many things in her life, in spite of her disabilities. Listen and read the text.

Helen Adams Keller was born on June 27th, 1880, in the United States. She was an activist and author. When she was a baby, she got very sick. As a consequence, she became deaf and blind.

When Helen was six, she met a teacher, Anne Sullivan. Sullivan was very young – she was only 20 years old! She used Helen’s sense of touch to teach her. She gave Helen a doll. Then she traced the letters of the word ‘doll’ on the palm of Helen’s hand. Then Helen made a connection between the letters and the object in her hand. They were friends for almost 50 years.

With Sullivan’s help, Helen accomplished many things in her life. She graduated from university in 1904. In 1913, she was a lecturer for the American Foundation for the Blind. She was the author of several books and magazine articles, too. She became famous worldwide and was a fearless fighter for the rights of people with disabilities. Helen Keller died on June 1st, 1968.



Word pop-up

- accomplished - realizou
- blind - cego(a)
- deaf - surdo(a)
- died - morreu
- fearless - destemido(a)
- graduated - graduou-se
- lecturer - palestrante
- met - conheceu
- sick - doente
- touch - tato
- traced - traçou

3 Read the text again. Then match the years to the events in Helen Keller’s life.

- | | |
|---------|--|
| 1. 1880 | She died. She was 88 years old at the time of her death. |
| 2. 1886 | She met Anne Sullivan. |
| 3. 1904 | She was a lecturer. |
| 4. 1913 | She was born. |
| 5. 1968 | She graduated from university. |

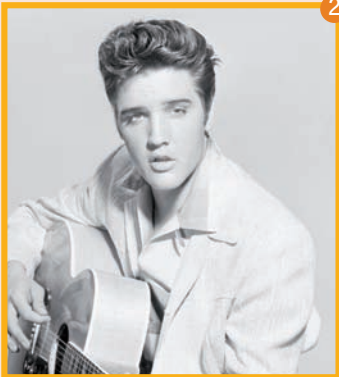
4 Do you know other people who were able to overcome difficulties and disabilities? Discuss with your teacher and classmates.

iListen

5 Listen to two short biographies. Check (✓) the correct alternatives.



Steve Irwin was born in 1962. 1982.
He was from England. Australia.
He was famous for a television show. his books.
At the time of his death, he was 44 years old. 24 years old.



Elvis Presley was born in 1950. 1935.
He was American. Australian.
He was known as "The King of Rock and Roll".
"The King of Soul".
At the time of his death, he was 42 years old. 27 years old.

iWrite

6 Write a short biography of a famous person. You can use the information about different people in this unit or choose another person, if you want.

Learning Strategy

John Lennon was born in 1940, in England. He was a famous musician. "Imagine" was one of his most famous songs. He was 40 years old at the time of his death, in 1980.

iSpeak

7 Your teacher will say some incorrect sentences. Correct them.

John Lennon was born in Brazil.

John Lennon wasn't born in Brazil.
He was born in England.

1 What do you know about the origins of the Internet? Discuss with your teacher and classmates.

2 Listen and read the events in the timeline. Start at the bottom of the line, in 1967.

THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNET

2006 There were more than 92 million websites online.

2005 *YouTube* was launched.

2004 1 in 12 e-mail messages were infected by a computer virus called MyDoom.

1998 *Google* opened its offices in California.

1995 Several websites were launched, including one for The Vatican – www.vatican.va.

1993 *Mosaic*, the first search engine, was launched.

1989 A new system for distributing information, called *World Wide Web*, was developed. People could connect from one page to another on different sites.

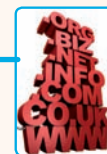
1984 The system of network addresses like .com, .org and .edu was established.

1982 The word "Internet" was used for the first time.

1976 Queen Elizabeth sent her first e-mail message.

1971 The first e-mail message was sent. The symbol "@" is used to separate the sender's name from the server's name.

1967 ARPANET – the first computer network – was created in the United States.



Word pop-up

launched - lançado
 search engine - site de busca
 sender - remetente
 sent - enviada

3 Read the timeline again and decide if the sentences are *true* (T) or *false* (F).

1. There were e-mail messages in 1967.

2. There were network addresses in 1990.

3. People could connect from one website to another in 1995.

4. *YouTube* was launched in 1999.

	T	F
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2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Work with a partner. Can you add new events to the timeline?



1 Follow the lines on the grid to find out the answer.

Clue: "He was born in 1961, in Honolulu. He was elected President of the United States of America in 2009."

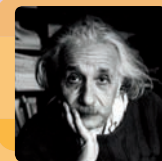
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B	U	V	C	K	O	H	Y	P	Z

2 Work with a partner. Create a similar activity and challenge your classmate.

Clue: _____

3 Look at the sentences and decide if they are *true* (T) or *false* (F). Bet from 1 to 10 points on your answers.

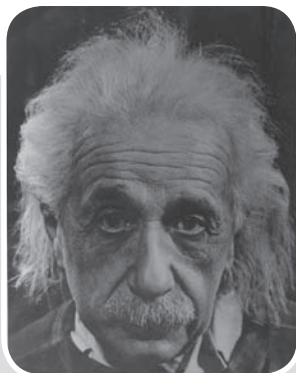
	True?	False?	1-10
1. Albert Einstein was a physicist. He was German.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. There were airplanes in 1890.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Michael Jackson was an American singer.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Patrick Swayze was a British actor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There were search engines in 1990.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



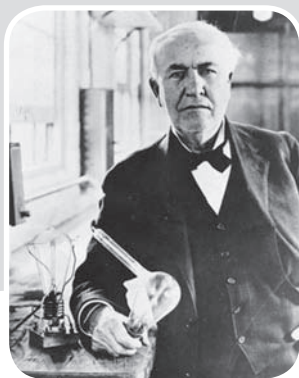
1 Read the short biographies and complete the sentences with the correct past form of *be*.

- Nelson Mandela was born in South Africa in 1918. He opposed *Apartheid*. *Apartheid* _____ a regime against black people. Mandela _____ in prison for 28 years. Later, he _____ the president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.
- Pelé _____ born in Minas Gerais, Brazil in 1940. He is the most famous soccer player of all times. He _____ a champion in three World Cups. He _____ also a soccer player for *Santos Futebol Clube* and *New York Cosmos*.
- Chitãozinho and Xororó _____ born in Paraná, Brazil. They _____ famous for the song *Fio de Cabelo* in 1982. Then, they _____ part of many TV programs, for example, *Amigos e Amigos* on TV Globo in 1999.

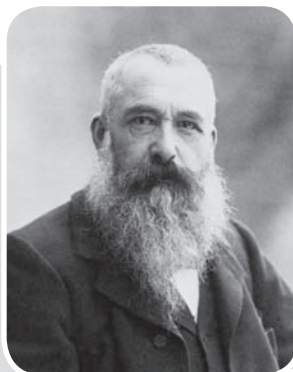
2 Write questions using the clues. Then answer the questions using the information below.



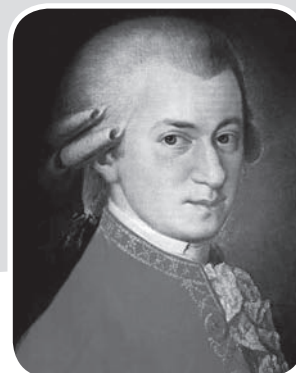
Albert Einstein
Physicist
Born in Germany, 1879



Thomas Edison
Inventor of the light bulb
Born in the U.S., 1847



Claude Monet
Painter
Born in France, 1840



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Composer
Born in Austria, 1756

- Albert Einstein / painter → Was Albert Einstein a painter? No, he wasn't. He was a physicist.
- Albert Einstein / born in the U.S. → _____
- Thomas Edison / composer → _____
- Thomas Edison / born in the U.S. → _____
- Claude Monet / inventor → _____
- Monet and Mozart / painters → _____
- Monet and Mozart / born in Germany → _____

3 Write questions about these inventions using *Was there . . .?* or *Were there . . .?* Answer the questions using the information from the chart.

	In 1980	In 1990	In 2000
personal computers		✓	✓
video games		✓	✓
MP3 players			✓
shopping malls	✓	✓	✓
cell phones		✓	✓
social media			✓



1. Were there personal computers in 1980? No, there weren't.
2. _____ video game in 1980? _____
3. _____ MP3 players in 1990? _____
4. _____ shopping malls in 1990? _____
5. _____ cell phones in 1980? _____
6. _____ social media in 1990? _____

4 Answer the questions about your day yesterday.

1. Where were you yesterday at 6:30 A.M.? I was at home.
2. Were you at school at 9:30 A.M.? _____
3. Was your teacher at school at 7:00 P.M.? _____
4. Was your best friend at the shopping mall at 3:00 P.M.? _____
5. Where were you at 5:00 P.M. yesterday? _____
6. Where were you at 11:00 P.M. yesterday? _____
7. Were you at home at 9:00 A.M.? _____
8. Was your mother/father at home in the morning? _____



Check (✓) the box that best describes your performance in this unit.

- | | Yes! | I need to improve. |
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| 1. Falar do passado com o verbo <i>be</i> . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Falar sobre a existência de objetos e lugares no passado. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Prestar atenção a números e datas que aparecem nos textos. Sua identificação poderá ajudar-me a entender o texto mais facilmente. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Lembrar-me de sempre revisar a minha produção escrita, mesmo que seja somente um parágrafo curto. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |