

# 9 Times past

Saying years • *was/were born* • Past Simple – irregular verbs • *have/do/go*  
When's your birthday?

## STARTER

1 **T 9.1** Listen and underline 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 **T 9.2** Listen and repeat.

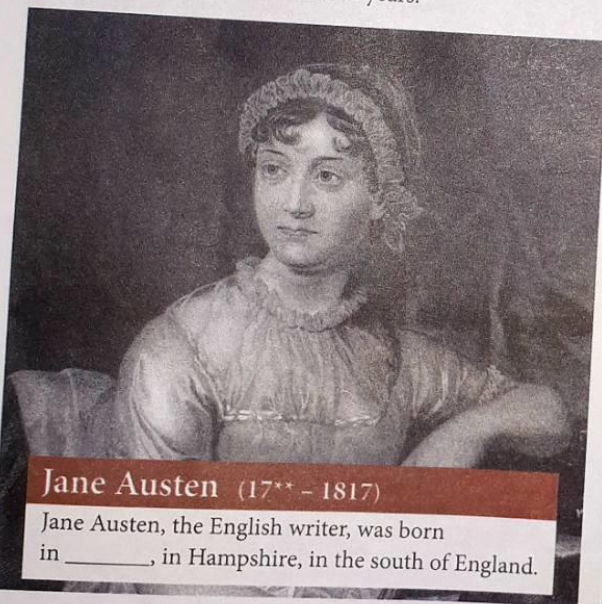
1840 eighteen forty    1996 nineteen ninety-six    2005 two thousand and five    2010 two thousand and ten / twenty ten

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

## WHEN WAS SHE BORN?

*was/were born*

1 Look at the photos. Do you know the people? When were they born?  
**T 9.3** Listen and write the years.



2 **T 9.4** Listen and repeat.

She was a writer. She was born in \_\_\_\_\_.

He was an opera singer. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 Ask and answer questions with other students.

How old are you?

I'm 18/21 ... I was born in 19 ...

- 4 **T 9.5** Listen to the questions and answers. Practise them.

When **were** you born? I was born in 1994.  
 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 chart 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 p127

- 5 **T 9.6** This is Magalie Dromard. Listen to her talking about her family. Write when the people were born.



**MAGALIE DROMARD**

**MY FAMILY**

Magalie 1994

Tristan \_\_\_\_\_

Cecilia \_\_\_\_\_

Matt \_\_\_\_\_

André \_\_\_\_\_

Ella \_\_\_\_\_

Edith \_\_\_\_\_

Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about Magalie's family.

Who's Tristan?

He's Magalie's brother.

When was he born?

In 1985.

Who are André and Ella?

They're her ...

When were they ... ?

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

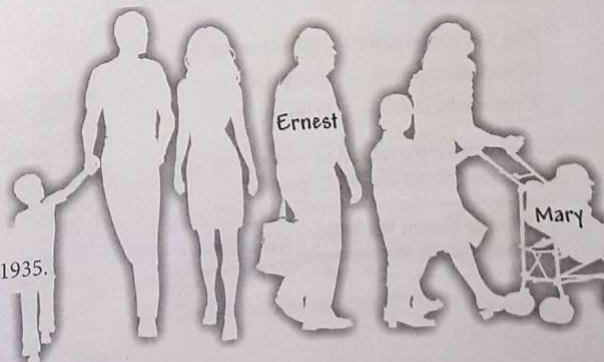
Write the names of some people in your family.  
 Ask and answer questions about them.

Ernest

Mary

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

A When was he born?  
 B I'm not sure. I think about 1935.



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

Peter's uncle was born in 1956.  
 His father 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> singer	<input type="checkbox"/> writer	<input type="checkbox"/> politician
<input type="checkbox"/> musician	<input type="checkbox"/> artist	<input type="checkbox"/> racing driver
<input type="checkbox"/> actor	<input type="checkbox"/> princess	



- 2 **T 9.7** Listen and write when they were born.

- 3 **T 9.8** Listen to the questions and answers.  
Practise them.

**Who was Shakespeare?** He was a writer.

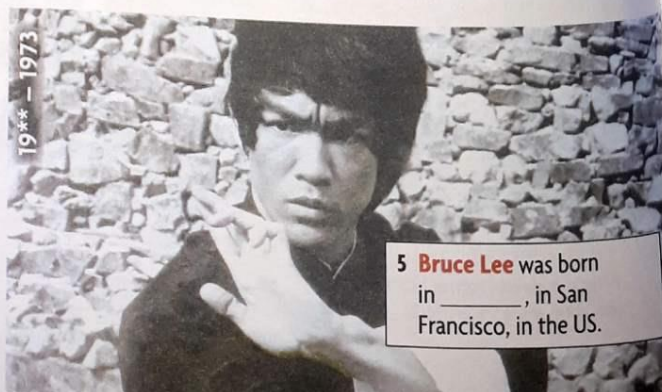
**Where was he born?** In England.

**When was he born?** In 1564.

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

**Who was Vincent Van Gogh?**

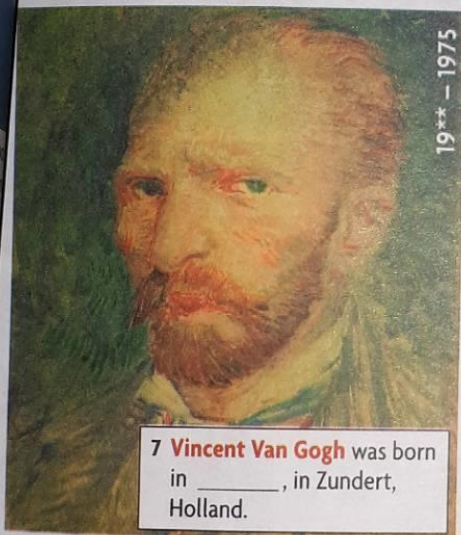
He was an ...



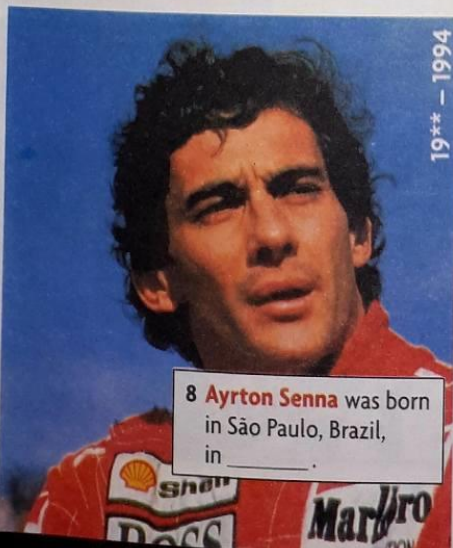
6 **Benazir**  
in Karac  
in \_\_\_\_\_



6 **Benazir Bhutto** was born in Karachi, Pakistan, in \_\_\_\_\_.



7 **Vincent Van Gogh** was born in \_\_\_\_\_, in Zundert, Holland.



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

## Negatives and pronunciation

4 **T 9.9** Listen and repeat.

Shakespeare was an artist.  
No, he **wasn't**. He was a writer.

Shakespeare and Diana were Irish.  
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 racing driver**!
- 2 Jane Austen was a princess.  
No, she \_\_\_\_\_!
- 3 Shakespeare and Jane Austen were artists.  
No, they \_\_\_\_\_!
- 4 Mozart was a scientist.  
No, he \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5 Luciano Pavarotti and Umm Kalthoum were politicians.  
No, they \_\_\_\_\_!
- 6 Benazir Bhutto was a writer.  
No, she \_\_\_\_\_!

**T 9.10** Listen and check. Practise the sentences.

## 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 / lovely / 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 father born? *question*
- 2 When \_\_\_\_\_ your parents born?
- 3 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ both born in 1961. My father \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1961, and my mother \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1963.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday in Syria in 2008.
- 5 '\_\_\_\_\_ he at home yesterday?' 'No, he \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 6 '\_\_\_\_\_ you at work yesterday?' 'Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 7 '\_\_\_\_\_ they at school yesterday morning?' 'No, they \_\_\_\_\_.'



## READING AND SPEAKING

### Past Simple – irregular verbs

- 1 Match the present and the past forms of the verbs. Look at the Irregular verbs list on p142.

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have	said
be	made
make	came
see	had
buy	found
say	bought / boʊ
find	was

1.9.11 Listen and check. Practise the verbs.

► Grammar Reference 9.2 p127

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## It's a Jackson pollock!



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Helen Byers in Los Angeles reports

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1.9.12 Listen and check.

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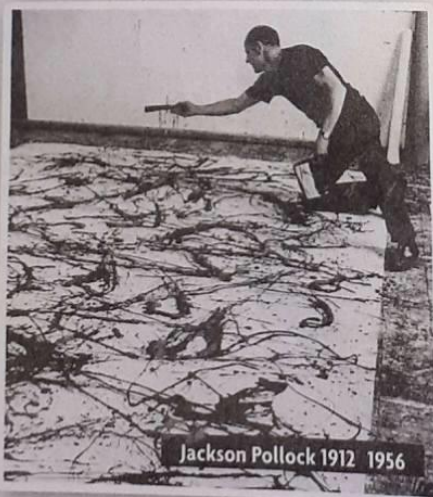
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Teri Horton with Pollock painting

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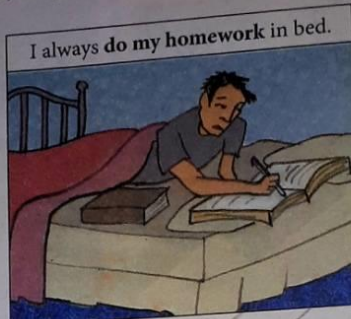
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## VOCABULARY

have, do, go

- 1 Look at the words that go with *have*, *do*, and *go*.



- 2 Write the words in the box next to the correct verb, *have*, *do*, or *go*.

shopping	lunch	my homework
a shower	the housework	on holiday
for a walk	some exercise	home
a good time	breakfast	to work

**have**

lunch

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**do**

my homework

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**go**

shopping

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Write the past of *have*, *do*, and *go*.

went	had	did
Present	Past	
have		
do		
go		

- 4 Complete the sentences with *went*, *had* or *did*.

- 1 Yesterday I met my mother at one o'clock and we had lunch in a restaurant.
- 2 I hate doing housework but last Sunday I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot because my house was a mess.
- 3 Yesterday was a lovely day so I \_\_\_\_\_ for a walk in the park.
- 4 Usually I walk but yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ to work by bus.
- 5 On Saturday night I went to a great restaurant. I \_\_\_\_\_ a really nice meal.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of exercise yesterday. I went to the gym.
- 7 The film wasn't very good so we \_\_\_\_\_ home early.

**T 9.13** Listen and check.

### Talking about you

- 5 Complete the sentences with what *you* did.

- 1 Yesterday I had a shower at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock.
- 2 This morning I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock. I had coffee and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Last Saturday I \_\_\_\_\_ shopping and I bought \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Last weekend I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6 Tell a partner what you did.



## EVERYDAY ENGLISH

### When's your birthday?

1 These are the months of the year. What is the correct order?

January \_\_\_\_\_

September \_\_\_\_\_

April \_\_\_\_\_

March \_\_\_\_\_

November \_\_\_\_\_

August \_\_\_\_\_

October \_\_\_\_\_

February \_\_\_\_\_

May \_\_\_\_\_

July \_\_\_\_\_

June \_\_\_\_\_

December \_\_\_\_\_

**T 9.14** Listen and check. Say the months round the class.

2 Which month is your birthday? Tell the class.

My birthday's in September.

So is my birthday!

How many birthdays are in each month?  
Which month has the most?

3 **T 9.15** Listen and repeat the numbers.

first (1st)      second (2nd)      third (3rd)

fourth (4th)      fifth (5th)      sixth (6th)

seventh (7th)      eighth (8th)      ninth (9th)

tenth (10th)      eleventh (11th)      twelfth (12th)

thirteenth (13th)      fourteenth (14th)      fifteenth (15th)

4 Say these numbers.

16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd  
24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st

**T 9.16** Listen and check.

5 **T 9.17** Listen and write the numbers. Practise them.

the \_\_\_\_\_ of January  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of March  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of April  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of May  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of June  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of August  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of November  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of December

**!** We say:  
the tenth of April  
We write:  
10 April  
April 10  
10/4/09  
Americans write:  
4/10/09

6 When is your birthday? Do you know the time you were born? Ask and answer in groups.

When's your birthday?

It's on the third of March.

What time were you born?

At two o'clock in the morning.

Tell the class.

I was born in 1982 on the twentieth of July at two o'clock in the morning.



### Conversation 3

- Steve Oh no! Rain again!  
C It's not so bad.  
Steve Yes it is. The sky's really black.  
C You're right. No golf today, then!

### Conversation 4

- Steve It's a lovely afternoon. Do you want to go out?  
D Yeah, where do you want to go?  
Steve What about Stanley Park?  
D Great, I love that Park! The mountains look fantastic from there.  
Steve Come on then! Let's get the bikes.

### T 8.12 Directions

- Go up North Road. Turn left at the bank into Charles Street. It's on the right next to the theatre.
- Go up North Road. Turn right at the school into Hillside Road, and it's on the left next to the chemist's.
- Go up North Road. Turn right at the castle into Station Road. Go straight down, and it's on the right next to the car park.
- Go straight on up North Road for five minutes, and it's in Albert Square. It's a big building on the right.
- Go straight on up North Road. At the post office turn left into Park Lane. It's on the right, past the Chinese restaurant.



## UNIT 9

### T 9.1 Years

- nineteen ninety-six
- nineteen sixteen
- two thousand and two
- seventeen ninety-nine
- eighteen forty
- two thousand and five

### T 9.2 see p64

### T 9.3

#### Jane Austen

Jane Austen, the English writer, was born in 1775, in Hampshire, in the south of England.

#### Luciano Pavarotti

Luciano Pavarotti, the Italian opera singer, was born in 1935, in Modena, in the north of Italy.

### T 9.4 see p64

### T 9.5 see p65

### T 9.6 Magalie Dromard

My name's Magalie. It's a French name, but I'm not French. I'm English. I was born in 1994. I have two brothers and a sister. My eldest brother's a doctor. His name's Tristan, and he was born in 1985. My sister is also older than me. Her name's Cecilia and she's a teacher, and she was born in 1988. And my little brother is Matt, and he was born in 1996. He's still a student. My father is French. His name's André, he's from Marseille, and he was born in, I think ... 1958. My mother is English, her name's Ella, she's from Manchester, and she was born in, er ... 1961. My grandmother, who

is my mother's mother, is called Edith. Isn't that a lovely name? She was born in Bristol in ... I'm not sure, but I think about 1935.

### T 9.7 When were they born?

- Shakespeare was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.
- Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1756.
- Diana Spencer was born in Sandringham, England, in 1961.
- Umm Kalthoum was born in 1898 in Mansoura, in Egypt.
- Bruce Lee was born in 1940 in San Francisco, in the US.
- Benazir Bhutto was born in Karachi, Pakistan, in 1953.
- Vincent Van Gogh was born in 1853 in Zundert, Holland.
- Ayrton Senna was born in 1960 in São Paulo, Brazil.

### T 9.8 see p66

### T 9.9 see p67

### T 9.10

- A Ayrton Senna was an actor.  
B No, he wasn't! He was a racing driver!
- A Jane Austen was a princess.  
B No, she wasn't! She was a writer!
- A Shakespeare and Jane Austen were artists.  
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- A Mozart was a scientist.  
B No, he wasn't! He was a musician!
- A Luciano Pavarotti and Umm Kalthoum were politicians.  
B No, they weren't! They were singers!
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B No, she wasn't! She was a politician!

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### T 9.14 Months of the year

January February March April May  
June July August September October  
November December

### T 9.15 T 9.16 see p71

### T 9.17

the first of January  
the third of March  
the seventh of April  
the twentieth of May  
the second of June  
the twelfth of August  
the fifteenth of November  
the thirty-first of December



## UNIT 10

### T 10.1 Angie's weekend

Yesterday was Sunday, so I got up late, about 11.30. I had a big breakfast, orange juice, toast, eggs, and coffee. Then I went shopping, just to the supermarket, and I bought some tea, some milk, and the Sunday papers. Then I stayed at home for the rest of the day. In the morning I cleaned my flat and in the afternoon I did some work on my computer for a bit, then in the evening I watched a film on TV. I went to bed early, about 11.00. I was tired. I had a late night on Saturday.

### T 10.2 Regular verbs

- |      |          |
|------|----------|
| /t/  | cooked   |
|      | watched  |
| /d/  | played   |
|      | listened |
| /ɪd/ | started  |
|      | wanted   |



## UNIT 9

### 9.1 was/were

Was and were are the past tense of am/are/is.

#### Present

I	am	fine. in class.
He/She It	is	
You We They	are	

#### Past

I He/She It	was	fine.
You We They	were	at home.

#### Negative

I He	wasn't	at home last weekend. at school yesterday.
You They	weren't	

#### Questions

Where **were** you yesterday?

Was she at school? Yes, **she was**./No, **she wasn't**.

⚠ We use was/were with born, not am/is/are.

Where **were** you born? NOT ~~Where are you born?~~  
He **was** born in Russia. NOT ~~He is born in Russia.~~

### 9.2 Past Simple – irregular verbs

Many common verbs are irregular. See the list of irregular verbs on p142.

Present	→	Past
am/is/are		was/were
go		went
come		came
have		had
make		made
see		saw
buy		bought
say		said
find		found
do		did

## UNIT 10

### 10.1 Past Simple positive

1 Regular verbs add -ed or -d in the Past Simple.

Present	→	Past
play		played
watch		watched
listen		listened
turn		turned
change		changed

⚠ Remember: Many common verbs are irregular.

go	→	went
see	→	saw
have	→	had

See the list of irregular verbs on p142.

2 The form is the same for all persons.

I You He/She/It We They	listened to the radio. went to work. had lunch.
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### 10.2 Past Simple questions and negatives

⚠ Present do/does → Past did

What time **does** he usually get up?

What time **did** he get up yesterday?

#### Questions with question words

Where	did	I you he/she/it we they	go?
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#### Negative

I You He/She/It We They	didn't	go shopping. see the film.
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#### Yes/No questions and short answers

Did they play football?	Yes, they did.
Did you have a good time?	No, I didn't.

