

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Grammar practice**

#### **Past of be**

- A** Bianca is talking about her family. Choose the correct verb forms.  
Then compare with a partner.

My family and I were (was / were) all born in Brazil –  
we \_\_\_\_\_ (wasn't / weren't) born in the U.S. I \_\_\_\_\_ (was / were)  
born in the city of Recife, and my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (was / were) born  
there, too. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (wasn't / weren't) born in Recife.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ (was / were) born in Rio de Janeiro. In Rio, my father  
\_\_\_\_\_ (was / were) a teacher and my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (was / were)  
an engineer. They have their own business in Recife now.

#### **Wh-questions with did, was, and were**

- A** Match the questions with the answers. Then compare with a partner.

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| 1. Where were you born? <u>e</u>             | a. His name was Akio.              |
| 2. Where did you grow up? _____              | b. He was really friendly.         |
| 3. How was your first day of school? _____   | c. I wanted to improve my English. |
| 4. Who was your best friend in school? _____ | d. I grew up in Tokyo.             |
| 5. What was he like? _____                   | e. In Kyoto, Japan.                |
| 6. Why did you take this class? _____        | f. It was a little scary.          |

**GROUP WORK** Ask the questions. Use a year  
in your answers.

1. When were you born?
2. When was your father born?
3. When was your mother born?
4. When did you turn 13?
5. When did you start high school?
6. When did you begin to study English?

#### **saying years**

1900 = nineteen hundred  
1906 = nineteen oh six  
1995 = nineteen ninety-five  
2000 = two thousand  
2007 = two thousand (and) seven  
2015 = two thousand (and) fifteen  
OR twenty-fifteen

