

2 Rewrite the sentences. Use the past of *be* and the words in parentheses.

1. I'm in Chicago right now.

I was in Chicago last week . (last week)

2. Tom and Carol are at a basketball game tonight.

_____ . (last night)

3. Where are you right now?

_____ ? (yesterday)

4. Stephanie and Kim aren't in class today.

_____ . (on Tuesday)

5. Is David at the party tonight?

_____ ? (on Friday night)

6. Tameka isn't tired now.

_____ . (in the morning)

3 Look at the chart. Then answer the questions.

First name	First name	Title	Birthday	Place of birth
Balkan	Erol	Mr.	January 17, 1992	Istanbul
Davis	Cassandra	Ms.	April 7, 1986	San Francisco
Ferris	Alicia	Mrs.	December 10, 1950	Vancouver
Gomez	Rodrigo	Mr.	June 4, 1975	Mexico City
Johnson	Kyle	Mr.	May 23, 1986	Melbourne
Kato	Sakura	Mrs.	January 18, 1967	Tokyo
Morgan	Wendy	Ms.	October 8, 1974	Vancouver

1. Where was Erol born?

He was born in Istanbul.

2. When was Alicia born?

3. Was Sakura born in Tokyo?

4. Was Rodrigo born in July?

5. Were Cassandra and Kyle born in 1988?

6. Where were Alicia and Wendy born?

7. Were Erol and Sakura born in January?

8. When was Rodrigo born?

4 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the past of *be*.

Jay: Hey, Shelly. This is really interesting . . .

Shelly: What?

Jay: Well, I'm reading about Leonardo da Vinci.

Shelly: Oh. Was¹ he an explorer?

Jay: No, he _____². He _____³ a famous artist. Many of his paintings _____⁴ famous, such as the *Mona Lisa*.

Shelly: Oh, yeah. That's right.

Jay: But I didn't know this. He _____⁵ also a musician and a writer!

Shelly: Wow. _____⁶ he born in Italy?

Jay: Yes, he _____⁷. He _____⁸ born in Vinci, a small town in Italy.

Shelly: Vinci, like his last name.

Jay: Yes, "da Vinci" means "from Vinci." Hey, he _____⁹ born on April 15, 1452. That's your birthday!

Shelly: No, it isn't. I _____¹⁰ born on April 15. My birthday is April 16.

Jay: Oh, yeah. Well, listen to this. He _____¹¹ also a great scientist with many inventions.

Shelly: _____¹² his inventions popular?

Jay: No, they _____¹³. And the technology _____¹⁴ available then to make his inventions.

5 Answer the questions with your own information.

1. Where were you born? _____
2. When were you born? _____
3. When were your parents born? _____
4. Where were you yesterday afternoon? _____
5. Were you in your English class yesterday? _____

B

I'm not sure, but I think . . .

1 Complete the expressions of certainty and uncertainty in the conversation.

Jerry: Hey, Tanya, can you help me with this puzzle?

Tanya: Sure.

Jerry: Who was Coco Chanel?

Tanya: She was a famous designer.

Jerry: Are you sure?

Tanya: I'm p_____ 1 _____.

Jerry: OK. D-E-S . . . Yes, that's an eight-letter word. It works! And what was the last name of the Mexican president in 2002?

Tanya: I'm not s_____ 2 _____, but I think it was Fox.

Jerry: Yes, that works. Oh, I know this one. Mozart's first name was Wolfgang.

Tanya: Are you sure? I think it was Ludwig.

Jerry: No, it wasn't Ludwig. I'm c_____ 3 _____ it was Wolfgang. It has eight letters.



2 Complete the conversation with expressions of certainty or uncertainty. More than one answer is possible.

Jerry: OK. Only three more. Who is Elena Ochoa?

Tanya: I'm _____ 1 _____, but I think she was a scientist.

Jerry: Hmm . . . That doesn't fit. It starts with an A . . . I know, she was an astronaut!

Tanya: Are you sure?

Jerry: Yes. _____ 2 _____ | OK. This one's difficult. Who was Eiji Sawamura?

Tanya: _____ 3 _____, but I think he was a soccer player. No, wait, he was a baseball player! _____ 4 _____.

Jerry: You're right. Thanks!

C

People I admire

1 Complete the sentences in the evaluations with the words in the box.

brave caring determined honest inspiring intelligent passionate talented

TOMKINS ACCOUNTING

Name: Orlando Rodriguez Position: Accountant

Overall rating: Very good

Comments:

Orlando is extremely _____¹. He learns new things quickly and easily.

He's also very _____². He tries everything possible to do a good job.

He's always on time, and he's very _____³. He always tells the truth, even when others don't agree with his opinion.

Perfect Pets Animal Care

Name: Josie Kennedy Position: Assistant

Notes:

I think Josie is good for the job. She is very _____⁴. She was nice to all

the animals here. She's also very _____⁵. She wasn't afraid to work

with the bigger dogs. I recommend Josie for this job.

LTC Teamwork Presentation

Overall rating: Very good Good Not good

Comments:

The presentation on teamwork was very good. I learned a lot about how to work with people

in groups. Ms. Beck was a great teacher. She was very _____⁶ about

teamwork and showed strong feelings about it. She was _____⁷, and

now I want to do more teamwork with people at my office! She's also a

_____⁸ writer. She's very good at writing how-to books. I want to buy

her newest book.

- 4 Look at Miguel's status updates. Then write sentences about his week. Use the simple past and ago.

SOCIALSPACE



Miguel Trandall



STATUS UPDATES

I'm eating fish at a Thai restaurant. Yum! 😊

Posted on Monday, 4/12 at 2:40 p.m.

Miranda and I are shopping.

Posted on Tuesday, 4/13 at 7:32 p.m.

I'm watching a boring reality show. 😞

Posted on Wednesday, 4/14 at 9:05 p.m.

I'm not going to the park. It's too cold!

Posted on Thursday, 4/15 at 5:15 p.m.

My mom and I are eating breakfast in a coffee shop.

Posted on Friday, 4/16 at 8:10 a.m.

Martin and I are lifting weights. Ugh!

Posted on Saturday, 4/17 at 11:23 a.m.

My sister and I aren't going out. We're too tired!

Posted on Sunday, 4/18 at 12:00 p.m.

Today is Monday, 4/19.

1. Miguel ate fish at a Thai restaurant seven days ago.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

D Making a difference

1 Read the article. Then check (✓) the adjectives that describe each person.

	brave	determined	inspiring	passionate	talented
1. John Muir			✓		
2. Ada Blackjack					
3. Louis Armstrong					

Book Corner

Books in review this week: **Biographies**

BOOKMAGAZINE



A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir by Donald Worster

This biography about John Muir was terrific. John Muir was born in Scotland in 1838, and he moved to the United States in 1849. He was an explorer and a writer, and he was a very inspiring person. He was passionate about nature, and he helped to create many national parks in the United States. In this book, Donald Worster describes Muir's inspiring travel and work. He also writes about Muir's life with his family and friends.



Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic by Jennifer Nevin

Ada Blackjack was born in 1898 in Alaska. In 1921, she went with one Canadian and three American explorers to Wrangel Island in the Arctic. The four men wanted to explore the island. Ada was their cook. After two years, they didn't have enough food and had to leave the island. One man was too sick to travel. Three of the men left to find help. Ada stayed with the sick man. After three months, the man died. Then Ada was alone on the island. She was there for five months, but Ada was determined and brave. Finally, a search team found her, and Ada went back to Alaska. It's an exciting book, and Jennifer Nevin tells Ada's story very well.



Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong by Terry Teachout

Louis Armstrong was born in New Orleans in 1901. He was an extremely talented jazz musician, composer, and singer. He influenced all kinds of musicians and singers, including jazz and pop musicians and singers who are popular today. Louis Armstrong was famous all over the world. In 2001, one hundred years after his birth, the New Orleans airport was renamed Louis Armstrong International Airport in his honor. Terry Teachout writes about Armstrong's music, but he also writes about his life. He shows that Louis Armstrong was an inspiring musician who had an extremely interesting life.

2 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

- Where was John Muir born? He was born in Scotland.
- When did Muir move to the United States? _____
- When did Ada Blackjack go to Wrangel Island? _____
- How long was Blackjack alone on the island? _____
- Where was Louis Armstrong born? _____
- What was Armstrong's job? _____