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1 Complete the sentences using a verb in the Past Simple from the box.

act win make marry sing be grow have

- 1 Kylie Minogue _____ up in Australia.
- 2 The Spice Girls _____ a popular girl band.
- 3 Robbie Williams _____ at the *Live 8 Concert*.
- 4 Madonna _____ a British film director called Guy Ritchie a few years ago.
- 5 Oasis _____ an album called *Definitely Maybe*.
- 6 Will Young _____ a reality TV pop competition.
- 7 Kylie Minogue _____ in *Neighbours*.
- 8 Abba _____ lots of number one hits.

2 Write questions in the past simple for each of the sentences 1-8 in Ex. 1.

3 Write past simple negative sentences using the cues 1-8 below.

- 1 The Spice Girls/sing/*Live 8*
- 2 Beethoven/be/pop artist
- 3 Nat King Cole/be/British
- 4 Freddie Mercury/study /Science
- 5 I/play/musical instrument at school
- 6 We/get/tickets for Coldplay concert
- 7 Jennifer Lopez/marry/Ben Affleck
- 8 There/be/jazz music at the café



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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to practise and consolidate the Past Simple. This warmer is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 2.1.

Time: 40 minutes maximum

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

- 1 Ask students to complete the sentences using the verbs in the box. Remind them that they need to use the Past Simple. Give students time to compare answers before checking them with the class.

Answers: 1 grew 2 were 3 sang 4 married 5 made 6 won 7 acted
8 had

- 2 In pairs, students need to write the questions to the sentences in Ex. 1. Monitor carefully to check that they are using the Past Simple and encourage students to peer correct before giving assistance. Get feedback from various pairs.

Answers: 1 Where did Kylie Minogue grow up? 2 What kind of band were the Spice Girls? 3 Who sang at the *Live 8* concert? 4 Who did Madonna marry a few years ago? 5 What was the name of one of Oasis's albums? 6 What kind of competition did Will Young win? 7 Which TV show did Kylie Minogue act in? 8 Which group had lots of number one hits?

- 3 Ask students to write complete sentences using the cues 1-8. They can either work in pairs or alone. Give students time to compare their answers in pairs before checking them with the whole class.

Answers: 1 The Spice Girls didn't sing at *Live 8*. 2 Beethoven wasn't a pop musician. 3 Nat King Cole wasn't British. 4 Freddie Mercury didn't study Science. 5 I didn't play a musical instrument at school. 6 We didn't get tickets for the Coldplay concert. 7 Jennifer Lopez didn't marry Ben Affleck. 8 There wasn't any jazz music at the café.