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People from history

1 Complete the sentences with *was* or *were*.

- a) Diana, Princess of Wales _____ a princess and a fashion icon.
- b) Gianni Versace _____ a fashion designer.
- c) The Beatles _____ a famous pop group.
- d) My friends _____ good singers at school.
- e) I _____ a good student at university.
- f) Bob Marley _____ a reggae singer.
- g) Georgie and Kate _____ in Australia last year.
- h) Abba _____ a famous pop group.

2 Choose a well-known person from history. Write sentences about him/her using the words below.

- a) _____ was born on _____.
- b) _____ was famous for _____.
- c) _____ was good at _____.
- d) _____ was married to _____.
- e) _____ was friends with _____.

Read your sentences to your partner. Your partner guesses the person.



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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of past of *to be* affirmative and making simple statements about people from history. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 9.1.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: copy of the worksheet for each student

- 1 Students fill the gaps with *was* or *were*. Elicit answers from the class.

Answers: a) was; b) was; c) were; d) were; e) was; f) was; g) were; h) were

- 2 Students choose a well-known person from history and write five sentences about them using the sentence structures provided. Monitor as they work to check accuracy. Students do not tell their partner who the person is. Students read sentences to their partner, who guesses the identity of the person. If activity goes well, students choose another famous person and do the same procedure again. Ask for class feedback.