

# 9B Before they were stars ...

## 1 GRAMMAR simple past: be

a Rewrite the sentences in the past. **a-Reescriba las oraciones en el pasado**

- 1 I'm at work now.  
I was at work yesterday.
- 2 They aren't at home today.  
They weren't at home yesterday.
- 3 He's at a party tonight.  
\_\_\_\_\_ last night.
- 4 We aren't at school today.  
\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- 5 Are you downtown now?  
\_\_\_\_\_ last night?
- 6 She's at the airport this morning.  
\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday afternoon.
- 7 Is he late today?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday?
- 8 I'm not in a hurry this morning.  
\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday morning.

b Write questions and answers. **b-Escriba preguntas y respuestas**

- 1 Picasso / a painter (✓)  
Was Picasso a painter ?  
Yes, he was .
- 2 the Beatles / from the United States (X)  
Were the Beatles from the United States ?  
No, they weren't .
- 3 Princess Diana / American (X)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 Charles Dickens and Jane Austen / writers (✓)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 Carmen Miranda / Brazilian (✓)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 Monet and Matisse / singers (X)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

7 Michael Jackson / a waiter (X)

\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

8 Steve Jobs and Thomas Edison / American (✓)

\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

c Complete the dialogues with *was* / *wasn't* or *were* / *weren't*. **Complete con was/ wasn't-were/weren't**

- 1 A Were you at work last week?  
B Yes, I was .
- 2 A Where \_\_\_\_\_ you last night?  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ at a party.
- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ your friend at school yesterday?  
B No, she \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 A \_\_\_\_\_ your children on vacation last week?  
B No, they \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 A When \_\_\_\_\_ your brother in Boston?  
B He \_\_\_\_\_ there last year.
- 6 A \_\_\_\_\_ you at the museum yesterday?  
B No, we \_\_\_\_\_ .