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General English - Beginner

Unit 9: Oh, those times!



Saying years

1. Match the numbers with the words.

A	B
1. 1916	a. twenty twenty
2. 2006	b. nineteen sixty-seven
3. 1967	c. two thousand and six
4. 2000	d. twenty twelve
5. 1882	e. nineteen ninety-five
6. 1894	f. two thousand
7. 1990	g. eighteen ninety-four
8. 2012	h. nineteen ninety
9. 1995	i. eighteen eighty-two
10. 2020	j. nineteen sixteen

2. Write the years in words.

- 1. 1985 — nineteen eighty-five
- 2. 1940 — _____
- 3. 2019 — _____
- 4. 1999 — _____
- 5. 1973 — _____
- 6. 2001 — _____
- 7. 2026 — _____

3. Do the Dates quiz. Write an answer for the questions with a year from below.

1912 | 1928 | 1961 | 1989 | 2012



When was the fall of the Berlin Wall?



When were the Olympic Games in London?



When was the first man in space?



When was the first TV transmission?



When was the sinking of the Titanic?

Was / were

1. Read the text about Jane's family.

Jane talks about her family



My name is Jane.

My mother was born in Seattle in 1967, and my father was born in Washington, D.C. in 1965.

I was born in 1996.

My grandparents on my mother's side were born in the US, but my mother's parents were born in Norway.

My father's parents were born in Portugal.

My mother was an engineer, and my father was a history teacher.

They were at college together.

My father's parents were very poor, and they weren't married in Portugal.

They met in the United States.

Grandpa Bruno was a chef, and Grandma Anita was a waitress.

At first, my parents Jon and Inger weren't happy in the US because their parents were in Norway.

2. Complete the sentences.

1. My father's parents _____ born in Portugal.
2. My mother _____ born in Seattle in 1967.
3. My mother's parents _____ born in Norway.
4. My father _____ born in Washington, D.C. in 1965.
5. My grandparents _____ born in the US.
6. I _____ born in 1996.

3. Underline the correct word.

1. My mother was / were an engineer.
2. My father was / were a history teacher.
3. They was / were at college together.
4. My father's parents was / were very poor.
5. My father's parents aren't / weren't married in Portugal.
6. Grandpa Bruno was / were a chef.
7. Grandma Anita is / was a waitress.
8. My parents weren't / aren't happy at first.

Was / were

1. Read the text about Jane's family.

Jane talks about her family



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and my father was born in Washington,
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history teacher.

They were at college together.

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They met in the United States.

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a waitress.

At first, my parents Jon and Inger weren't happy in
the US because their parents were in Norway.

4. Correct the questions.

1. Where were Jane's mother born?

→ Where was Jane's mother born?

2. When is her father born?

→ _____

3. Where was her mother's parents born?

→ _____

4. What were Bruno's job?

→ _____

5. Complete the negative sentences.

1. Jane's mother _____ born in Norway.

2. Her father _____ born in Portugal.

3. Her grandparents _____ born in the US.

4. **A:** Were Jon and Inger happy at first?

B: No, they _____.

Irregular verbs

6. Complete the irregular verb forms.

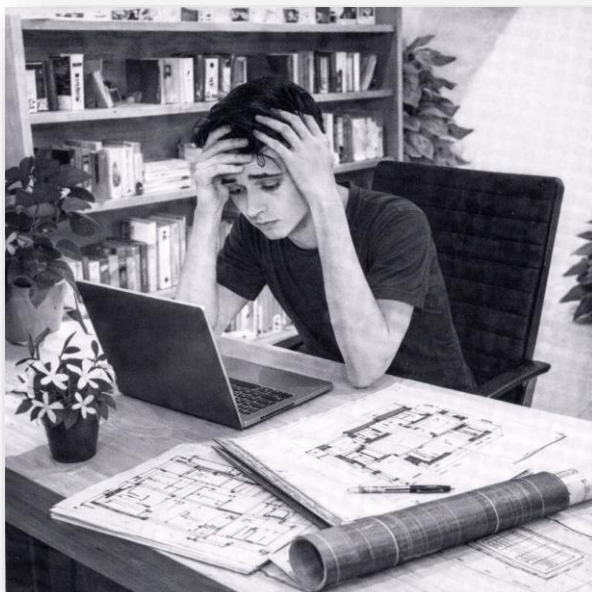
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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. go → went | 9. buy → b__ght |
| 2. write → w__t_ | 10. have → h__d |
| 3. read → r__ | 11. send → s__t |
| 4. see → s__w | 12. leave → l__t |
| 5. get → g_t | 13. is → w__ |
| 6. drive → dr__v_ | 14. tell → t__d |
| 7. are → w__e | 15. sell → s__d |
| 8. meet → m__t | 16. say → s__d |

7. Complete the text with irregular verbs in the Past Simple from 6.

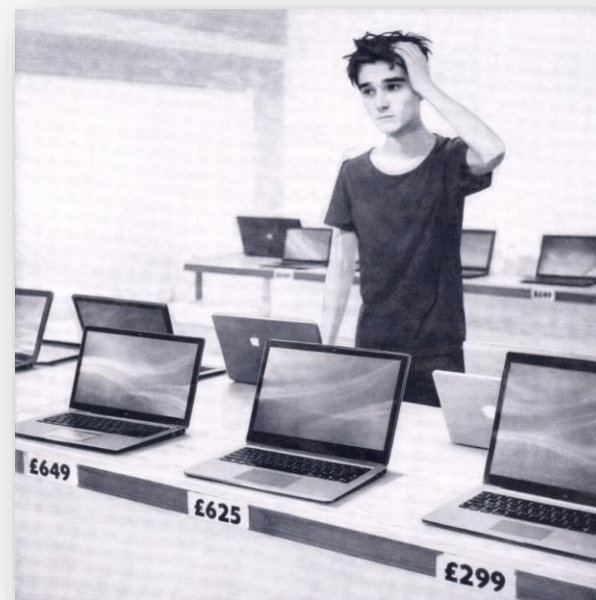
ED'S UNLUCKY DAY

Hi! My name's Ed Jones. I'm an architect and I work at home. I use my laptop a lot, but ...

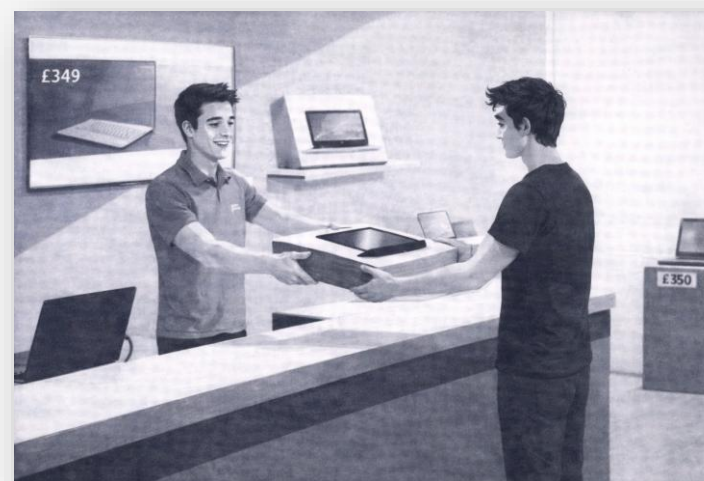
1. My laptop 1. was very old, so last week I 2. _____ to the shopping centre to buy a new one.



2. I 3. _____ a lot of excellent laptops, but they 4. _____ all very expensive.



5. I went to the shop and I 11. _____ a lovely laptop for £399. The shop assistant 12. _____: "It's a very good and cheap laptop."



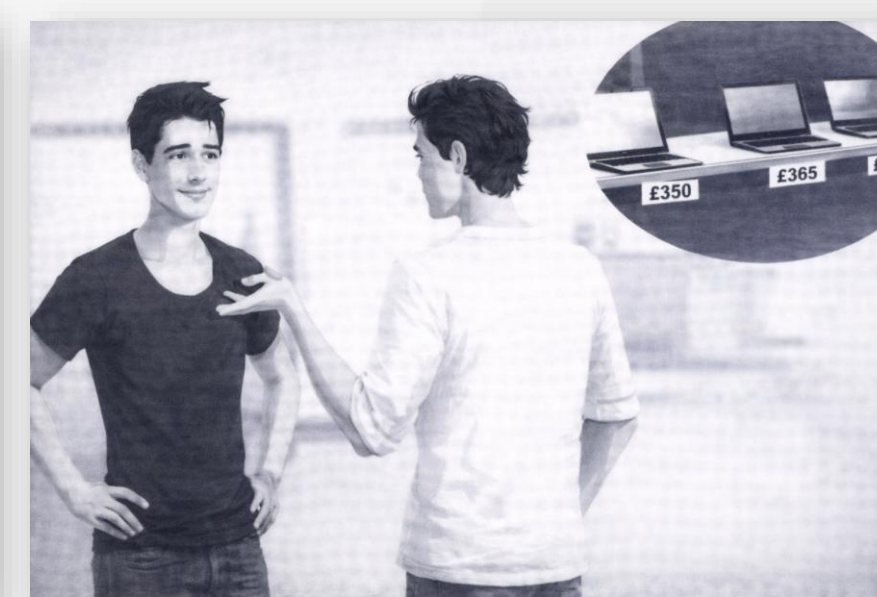
3. I 5. _____ the shopping centre, I 6. _____ in my car and 7. _____ to the High Street.



6. I 13. _____ the laptop. I was very happy.



4. I 8. _____ a friend in the High Street, and he 9. _____ me about a good shop that 10. _____ cheap laptops.



7. But last night I was on the internet and I saw my new laptop in a sale for only £299! I 14. _____ very sad.



Language focus

Two famous lives

8. Read the texts and complete the sentences.

1. Jackie had a famous sister.
2. _____ was 83 when he/she died.
3. _____'s grandfather told him/her to become an actor.
4. _____ was the UK's fifth richest writer in 2011.

9. Answer the questions about Leonard Nimoy.

1. What role was he famous for?
2. Where were his parents born?
3. How old was he when he started acting?
4. Who was his brother?
5. How many Star Trek films was he in?
6. What were his last words on Twitter?

10. Answer the questions about Jackie Collins.

1. When and where was she born?
2. How old was she when she left school?
3. Was she a good actress?
4. Who was her sister?
5. Which of her books was a TV series?
6. How old was she when she died?

Leonard Nimoy (Spock)

1931–2015



Leonard Nimoy was an American actor, writer and singer. He was famous for his role as Spock in Star Trek.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts. His parents were from Ukraine. They met in Ukraine, but married in the United States. His father had a shop in Boston. Leonard had an older brother, Melvin.

Leonard started acting when he was only eight, in a children's theatre. His parents wanted him to go to college, but his grandfather told him to become an actor. He got his first big role at 17.

Between 1964–69 he was Spock in the TV series Star Trek. After the TV series, he was in eight Star Trek films.

He died in Los Angeles in 2015. He was 83. His last words on Twitter were "Live long and prosper", Spock's famous words.

Glossary

"Live long and prosper" = have a long life and get rich

Jackie Collins

1937–2015



Jackie Collins was an English writer. She sold over 500 million books.

She was born in London, but lived in California. She went to an expensive girls' school, but left when she was only 15. When she was very young she was an actress, but she was not very good, so she went to Los Angeles to stay with her older sister (the famous actress Joan Collins).

She wrote her first book in 1968 and it became a bestseller. In 2011 she had a fortune of £600 million and was the UK's fifth richest writer. One of her books, *Hollywood Wives*, was number one in the New York Times; it sold 15 million books. It was also a famous TV series.

From 2000–2010 Jackie wrote eight bestsellers! Jackie was very successful, but a lot of people said her books were bad! Jackie always said the biggest critics of her books were the people who never read them.

She was 77 years old when she died in Beverly Hills, California.

Glossary

critic = a writer who writes or says what they think about a book, film or piece of music

Months and dates

1. Complete the calendar with the months.

August | April | October | June | February | December

- January
- _____
- March
- _____
- May
- _____
- July
- _____
- September
- _____
- November
- _____

2. Match the words and numbers.

- | | |
|------------------|---------|
| 1. first | a. 20th |
| 2. second | b. 4th |
| 3. third | c. 10th |
| 4. fourth | d. 7th |
| 5. fifth | e. 12th |
| 6. seventh | f. 21st |
| 7. tenth | g. 3rd |
| 8. twelfth | h. 2nd |
| 9. twentieth | i. 1st |
| 10. twenty-first | j. 5th |

Grammar

1. Complete the chart with the verb to be in the Past Simple.

Positive	Negative
I was	I wasn't
	You weren't
He was	
She was	
We were	
	They weren't

2. Write the correct answer.

1. My parents _____ English. They were Irish.
a. wasn't b. weren't
2. Steve Jobs _____ an inventor.
a. be b. was
3. I _____ born in Milan in 1996.
a. was b. am
4. My sister and I _____ happy as children.
a. were b. was
5. You _____ at college yesterday. Were you ill?
a. no were b. weren't
6. Where _____ you yesterday?
a. was b. were

3. Complete the chart.

Present	Past
make	
have	
do	
go	
drive	
say	
buy	
come	
see	

Vocabulary

4. Write the years as words.

- 1. 1996 — nineteen ninety-six
- 2. 2019 — _____
- 3. 1985 — _____
- 4. 1945 — _____
- 5. 2006 — _____
- 6. 2020 — _____

5. Complete the sentences with *did* or *made*.

- 1. Do you like this cake? I _____ it.
- 2. Exercise 1 was easy, so I _____ exercises 2 and 3.
- 3. I _____ a lot of work yesterday. I’m very tired.
- 4. Leonard Nimoy _____ a lot of films.
- 5. You _____ a lot of mistakes in your homework.
- 6. I _____ dinner last night. It was delicious.

6. Write the word on the right in the correct place in the sentence.

1. I have tea for breakfast. **usually**

→ _____

2. I / born in Scotland. **was**

→ _____

3. I my homework before I go to bed. **do**

→ _____

4. "What you do?" "I'm a teacher." **do / a**

→ _____

5. I have shower, then I have breakfast. **a**

→ _____