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I- Activities

1-1/ Biographies

The simple Past: Verb to be							
Affirmative		Negative		Interrogative		Contractions	
I He She It	<i>was</i> at home	I he She It	<i>Was not</i> at home	Was	I he She It	at home?	Was not = wasn't
We You They	<i>were</i> at home	We you they	<i>were not</i> at home	Were	We you they	at home?	Were not = weren't

Activity 1

- Fill in the blanks with the verb to be in the past :

A : When _____ you born?

B : I _____ born in 1889.

A : What _____ your occupation?

B : I _____ a film maker, an actor and a music composer.

A : Who _____ your parents?

B : My father _____ Charles Chaplin Sr., and my mother _____ Hannah Hill.

A : _____ they artists, too?

B : Yes they _____. They _____ musical hall entertainers.

1-2/ More Artists

Simple Past : Regular verbs		
Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
I <i>watched</i> a movie yesterday evening. In the morning, he <i>listened</i> to the news. They <i>planted</i> flowers in the garden.	Did you <i>watch</i> a movie? Did he <i>listen</i> to the news? Did they <i>plant</i> trees?	I <i>didn't watch</i> a documentary. He <i>didn't listen</i> to music. They <i>didn't plant</i> trees.
Pronunciation		
[t]	[d]	[id]
worked	listened	planted

Activity 1

Read the example about Tony; then ask and answer questions about Meg and Bob :



Tony

I stayed at home all day. In the morning, I cleaned my room and revised my lessons. In the afternoon, I watched classical music on TV. In the evening, I surfed the Internet.

Meg

I stayed at home and helped my father. We worked in the garden. My father painted the gate and we planted some flowers. My mother prepared lunch. After lunch, we relaxed.

Bob

We visited my grandparents. My grandmother cooked a big dinner. We listened to music and laughed a lot. I played some cards with my cousins.

Example :

- Did Tony stay at home?
Yes he did.
- Did he watch a movie?
No he didn't.
- What did he do in the morning?
He cleaned his room.
- What did he revise?
He revised his Lessons.
- When did he surf the Internet?
He surfed the Internet in the evening.

1-3/ Focus on Music

Simple Past tense - Regular and Irregular verbs.	
Did you go to the cinema last night?	Yes, I did. I went to the Regency cinema.
Did he drive to work yesterday?	No, he didn't. He took the bus.
Where did she work yesterday?	She worked in the garden.
What time did they get up this morning?	They got up at 8:00 o'clock.

Activity 1

- Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs :

A: _____ you _____ to school yesterday? (go)

B: No, I _____ It _____ my day off (do not / be)

A: What _____ you _____ in the morning? (do)

B: I _____ to music and _____ some letters. (listen / write)

A: _____ you _____ out in the afternoon? (go)

B: Yes. I _____ my friends and we _____ to the movies. (meet / go)

A: What film _____ you _____ ? (see)

B: We _____ the new Brad Pitt movie. (see)

A: How _____ you _____ it? (like)

B: It _____ terrific. (be)

II- Practice

2-1/ Exercise 1

- Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets :

Maria : Where (you / be) _____ yesterday afternoon? I (call) _____ , but nobody (answer) _____ the phone.

Betty : I (not be) _____ home. I (be) _____ at the cinema.

Maria : Who (you / be) _____ with? (you / be) _____ alone?

Betty : No. I (be) _____ with Alan.

Maria : What (be) _____ the movie Like?

Betty : The story (be) _____ exciting, the music (be) _____ excellent, and the actors (be) _____ great. It (be) _____ terrific!

Maria : Who (be) _____ the actors?

Betty : Tom Cruise, Jodie Foster, Brad Pitt, and Penelope Cruise.

2-2/ Exercise 2

- Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense :

Bryan Adams is from Canada. He (leave) _____ school when he (be) _____ sixteen years old and (work) _____ as a gardener. He (start) _____ his career as a singer when he (be) _____ eighteen and he (become) _____ famous in 1987 when he (make) _____ his first album, "Reckless". After "Reckless", he (disappear) _____ for a while and no one (hear) _____ about him, until 1991 when he (sing) _____ "Everything I Do, I Do It for You". The song (be) _____ a great success. After that he (go) _____ on a world tour and (give) _____ performances in many countries around the world. Today Bryan Adams is back in Canada enjoying his success.

2-3/ Exercise 3

- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs from the list :

be - get - move - introduce - notice - join - become - begin - start - earn

Fairuz was born in Jabal Alarz on the 21st of November 1935. A couple of years later, her parents _____ to Beirut where her father _____ a job at Le Jour print house. They _____ poor but they were happy. As a kid, she _____ to sing the songs of Asmahan and Layla Mourad. When she went to school, she _____ the school's choir.

Later, Fairuz joined the conservatoire, but her education there didn't last long. She soon _____ singing in the Lebanese radio station where she _____ a salary of 100 Liras a month.

One of the station's managers, Halim Elrumi, _____ the potential of her voice. So he _____ her to Rahbani brothers who started composing songs for her. They soon _____ famous around the world.