

UNIT 7A AT THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

In this new unit, we're going to study:

- The verb to be in the past form (was/were)
- Word formation (Paint - painter / act – actor/actress...)

1. GRAMMAR

Activity a

In this activity we're going to read an article about National Portrait Gallery.

Do you know the meaning of Portrait? It's a painting or photo of a person.

Do you know the meaning of Gallery? It's a room where you can see paintings or photos.

So, read the article and answer the four questions.

- 1 Where is it?
- 2 What can you see there?
- 3 When is it open?
- 4 How much does it cost?

Activity b

We're going to listen to two people talking about a Portrait in which appears two people.

Who are the two people in the photo?

Before doing the activity c, let's learn the past of verb to be

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Interrogative</u>	<u>Short answers</u>
I was	I wasn't	Was I?	Yes, I was No, I wasn't
You were	You weren't	Were you?	
He was	He wasn't	Was he?	Yes, he/she/it was

She was	She wasn't	Was she?	No, he/she/it wasn't
It was	It wasn't	Was it?	
We were	We weren't	We were?	Yes, we were No, we weren't
You were	You weren't	Were you?	
They were	They weren't	Were they?	Yes, they were No, they weren't

- We use was/were to talk about the past.
- We often use was/were with past time expressions like yesterday, last night, in 1945...
- We use was/were with born: **I was born in Italy.**

For example,

Susan **was born** in United States.

Peter **wasn't** in class yesterday. **Was** he ill?

The Beatles **were** a famous group in the 60s.

Now, let's do the activities from page 137, 7A (a & b)

Go to page 52 and do the **activity c**. In this activity, you have to change the verb in present to past.

Present simple	Past simple
He is the king.	He _____ the king.
She is divorced.	She _____ divorced.
They are happy.	They _____ happy.

2. PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING

We're going to listen to 10 sentences in present and you have to write them on your notebook and later, change them into past.

3. READING

Activity a

Look at the three pictures you can find in the National Portrait Gallery. Do you know who they are?

Activity b

Let's read the three audio guide extracts and guess who they are.

Activity c

Read the three extracts again if it is necessary and answer the six questions.

- 1 How long was Henry VIII King of England?
- 2 What was he good at when he was a young man?
- 3 Were the Brontë sisters famous when they were alive?
- 4 Why isn't their brother in the picture?
- 5 Who was Helena Bonham Carter's great-grandfather?
- 6 What was her first famous film?

4. VOCABULARY

What do you do?

What do you do for a living?

Now, we're going to see how the professions are formed.

-ER	-OR	-IST	-IAN	-ANT	MAN/WOMAN
Painter Writer Teacher Administrator	Actor Doctor Decorator	Dentist Geologist Economist Biologist	Veterinarian Magician Electrician Librarian	Assistant Accountant	Policeman Policewoman Postman Postwoman

Apart from this suffix, we can find other professions that they are formed independently, such as, nurse, judge, cook, chef, etc.

Activity a

In this activity you have to find words in the texts for people made from these words

Activity b

Transform these words into professions. Later, listen and check.

5. LISTENING & WRITING

Activity a

We're going to listen to five clues about two famous people and you have to guess who they are.