

TALKING ABOUT THE PAST

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Peter _____ in Vienna last weekend.

Mary and John _____ late for school this morning.

_____ you tired last night?

We _____ at the theater last night.

_____ Tom a good student?

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(3) Rewrite the story in the past tense.

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Was Tom a good student?

(2) Complete the sentences with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

Abdul **was** (to be) born in Iraq in 1985. He and his family **lived** (to live) in Bagdad. Abdul's father **worked** (to work) as a cook there. Abdul's mother **died** (to die) in 2004. Abdul and his father **planned** (to plan) to go to Europe. They **tried** (to try) everything to get a visa for Austria, but it **was** (to be) not easy. In 2006, they **moved** (to move) to Vienna. Abdul's father **opened** (to open) a restaurant. Abdul **studied** (to study) medicine. Now he is a famous doctor!

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