

## Answer key - Past simple with was and could

### Past simple: affirmative

1

1 sold

2 cried

3 took

4 cooked

### Past simple: negative

2

1 Nelson Mandela didn't become the first black president of the USA in 2008. Barack Obama became the first black president.

2 King Henry VIII didn't have eight wives. He had six wives.

3 Neil Armstrong didn't travel to space in 1961. Yuri Gagarin travelled to space in 1961.

4 Adolf 'Adi' Dassler's sister didn't start Puma. His brother started Puma.

### be: past simple

3

1 were

2 were

3 weren't

4 was

5 wasn't

6 wasn't

7 was

8 were

9 were

10 was

### Past simple: questions

4

1 When did the Irish Potato Famine begin? It began in 1845.

2 What did Captain Cook and his men discover? They discovered Australia.

3 How many exams did you have last week? I had three exams.

### could / couldn't

5 Students' own answers.