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Adults 3 (beginner)

# TO BE

## Past & Present



**TO BE - Past & Present**  
AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES

**NOW**  
*Today*

John **is** 70 years old.  
He **is** old.

**PAST**  
*60 years ago*

John **was** 10 years old.  
He **was** young.



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**NOW**

We **are** together.

**PAST**

We  together.



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**PAST TENSE**

I	was	sad.
He	was	poor.
She	was	a student.
It	was	difficult.
We	were	late.
You	were	at home.
They	were	noisy.

**PRESENT TENSE**

I	am	happy.
He	is	rich.
She	is	a nurse.
It	is	easy.
We	are	early.
You	are	at school.
They	are	quiet.

**Time Expressions:**

- Yesterday	- Last month
- Last week	- Last year
- Now	- Right Now
- At the moment	

**EXAMPLES**

I **was** sad yesterday, but I **am** happy at the moment.  
She **was** a student last year, but she **is** a nurse now.  
They **were** busy last week, but they **are** free right now.

**1. Change the sentences from present to past**

**Present simple**

I'm tired.

1. Today is Sunday.
2. We are in Munich today.
3. I'm in Italy this month.
4. My father's a pilot.
5. It is open now.
6. Today is my birthday.

**Past simple**

I **was** tired last week.

- Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ in Berlin yesterday.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ in France last month.
- My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ a pilot too.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ open this morning.
- Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ my friend's birthday.

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# WAS - WERE TO BE - Past Tense

NEGATIVE		
I	wasn't	sad.
He	wasn't	thirsty.
She	wasn't	a teacher.
It	wasn't	small.
wasn't = was not		
We	weren't	late.
You	weren't	at home.
They	weren't	noisy.
weren't = were not		

## 2. Write the negative form of the following sentences

Example: He was a writer

He **wasn't** a writer. He was an actor.

1. I was very tired this morning.

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2. Peter was at work last night.

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3. My friends were at school yesterday.

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4. David was very happy last night.

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5. We were in a hurry.

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6. It was hot yesterday.

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# WAS - WERE TO BE - Past Tense

**QUESTIONS**

**+** Affirmative    They **were** happy.    She **was** rich.

**?** Question    **Were** they happy?    **Was** she rich?

Short Answer    Yes, they were / No, they weren't    Yes, she was / No, she wasn't

WH- Word	+	Verb	+	Subject	+	Complement
Where		was		I / he / she / it		sick ... ?
Why		were		we / you / they		tired ... ?
When						ready ... ?

- Why **was** he angry?    - When **was** she nervous?  
- Where **were** you yesterday?    - Who **were** those people?

### 3. Write questions and answers

Examples:

Mozart / from Germany? ✗

Was Mozart from Germany?

No, he wasn't.

1. Columbus and Magellan / explorers? ✓

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2. Virginia Woof/ writer? ✓

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3. the Bee Gees / from the USA? X

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4. John McEnroe / footballer? X

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5. Matisse/composer? X

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6. Greta Garbo/actress? ✓

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7. Tolstoy and Cervantes / painters? X

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