

was, were, there was, there were

1 Complete the dialogue with the verbs in the box.

there were there weren't was there
 there was there wasn't was was
 wasn't were there

Tim What did you think about 1, 2, 3: *You Pay Me!* on TV1? Did you like it?
 Paul Yes, it was quite good, but the presenter ¹ _____ as funny as Dale Summers.
 Tim ² _____ a lot of participants?
 Paul No, ³ _____ many. In fact, ⁴ _____ only three.
 Tim Who ⁵ _____ the winner?
 Paul Mary Gallagher, from Wallingford.
 Tim ⁶ _____ a good prize?
 Paul Yes, ⁷ _____ a first prize of £25,000, but ⁸ _____ a second prize.

Past simple

2 Write sentences using the affirmative (✓), negative (X) or question forms (?) of the past simple.

you / record / the cartoons ?
Did you record the cartoons?

1 he / see / the first broadcast from the moon ✓

2 you / know / the presenter X

3 we / laugh / at the sitcom ✓

4 I / record / the right programme ?

5 Lucy / go / to bed after the film ?

6 they / chat / about the news ✓

7 I / take / the remote control X

8 he / meet / the participants ?

Past continuous

3 Complete the sentences using the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

John was getting up (get up) at six o'clock.

1 You _____ (study) yesterday afternoon.
 2 I _____ (not read) my book at ten o'clock last night.
 3 I saw you at four o'clock. Where _____ (you / go)?
 4 I _____ (not look) at you.
 5 Who _____ (make) a noise last night?
 6 We _____ (not watch) TV at five-thirty.
 7 _____ (she / talk) to us?
 8 Where _____ (they / go)?
 9 My mum _____ (not drive) home.
 10 How long _____ (they / wait) for the bus?

Past simple and past continuous

4 Write sentences using the past simple and past continuous tense.

while I / read / the phone / ring
While I was reading, the phone rang.

1 we / lose / the ball while we / play / football

2 when I / see / your sister / she / walk / to school

3 while Marek / do / his homework / his dad / come / home

4 they / run / when / I / see / them

5 I / get / home / while you / cook

6 she / dance / when / she / fall

7 he / meet / a new friend / while / he / travel

8 when I / see / you / you / talk / to / Mr Wood

