

Past simple - to be

Grammar

Study and complete the table.

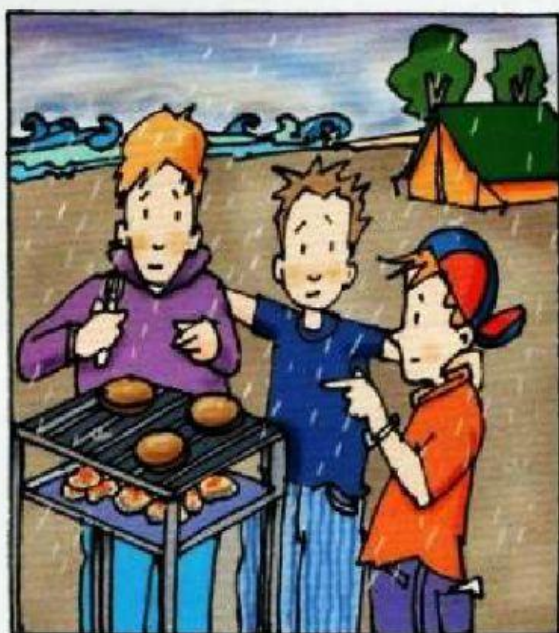
Affirmative	Negative	Questions	Short answers	Wh-questions
I was here yesterday.	She wasn't here yesterday.	 he here yesterday?	Yes, he was . No, he	What was that?
We were here yesterday.	They here yesterday.	Were you here yesterday?	Yes, you No, you weren't .	Where you?

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple of *to be*. Use contractions for the negative.

- We (not) in Africa. We in Australia.
- The flight long and I tired.
- The barbecue fantastic. The burgers delicious.
- Our friends (not) late. They early.
- The monorail fast. It (not) slow.
- The mountain bikes old. My brother (not) happy.
- You (not) at home. You on holiday.

2 Complete the questions and short answers.

- A: Where you?
B: I was on the beach.
- A: you with your family?
B: No, I I was with some friends.
- A: you in a hotel?
B: No, I I was in a campsite.
- A: it nice?
B: Yes, it It was great!
- A: the weather good?
B: No, it It was rainy.
- A: they happy?
B: No, they They wanted to be in a hotel!



Expressions of past time

3 a) Put the expressions in chronological order.

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| ☐ last weekend | ☐ last month |
| ☐ yesterday morning | ☐ last year |
| ☐ two weeks ago | ☐ last night |
| ☐ last Friday | ☐ last week |

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- 1** Complete the sentences with the affirmative (+) or negative (-) past simple form of *to be*.



1. I was (+) on holiday last week.
2. We (+) in Misiones.
3. The weather (+) great.
4. It (-) rainy. It (+) sunny.
5. The hotel (+) nice.
6. The rooms (-) big.
They (+) small.
7. The people (+) very friendly.
8. The place (+) beautiful.
9. The waterfalls (+) great!

- 3** Write questions using the prompts and answer them.

1. Where / you / last night?

Where were you last night?

I was at the cinema.

2. Who / you with?

3. Why / you / there?

4. Where / your / friends?

5. your parents / at home?

- 4** Read *Language focus*. Then complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

- 1 I was at the cinema last night. (✓)
- 2 Sarah and Abi at work yesterday. (✓)
- 3 you at the swimming pool yesterday?
- 4 I at school on Monday morning. (X)
- 5 Louis tired after football?
- 6 You at home last night. (X)

- 2** Answer the questions with true information.

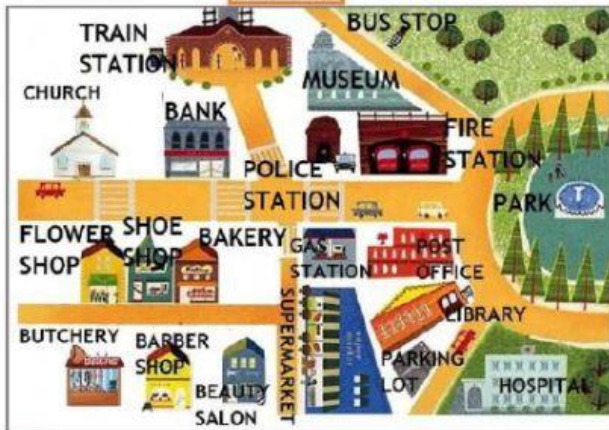
1. Where were you yesterday at 7.00?
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2. Were you with your family?
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3. Where were you last weekend?
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4. What was the weather like on Sunday?
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5. Were you late or early to school this morning?
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Language focus

- I **was** in London on Saturday.
- We **were** in Manchester.
- It **wasn't** very interesting.
- We **weren't** at home last weekend.
- **Were** you in bed all weekend?
- **Where were** you at the weekend?

PICTURE 1

1980



PICTURE 2

2000



1. LOOK AT THE PLACES IN THE DIFFERENT TOWNS. WRITE SENTENCES USING

'THERE WAS' - 'THERE WERE' - 'THERE WASN'T' - 'THERE WEREN'T'

- A. IN 1980, THERE WAS A CHURCH.
B. IN 2000, THERE WERE TWO CAFÉS.



- C. IN 1980, _____ X (SHOPPING CENTRE)
D. IN 1980, _____ X (TWO CAFÉS)
E. IN 1980, _____ ✓ (FLOWER SHOP)
F. IN 2000, _____ X (CHURCH)
G. IN 2000, _____ ✓ (CINEMA)
H. IN 2000, _____ ✓ (TWO FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS)

THERE WAS - THERE WERE

+ THERE WAS A CINEMA.
- THERE WASN'T A CINEMA
WAS THERE A CINEMA?
+THERE WERE TWO FAST
FOOD RESTAURANTS.
-THERE WEREN'T TWO FAST
FOOD RESTAURANTS.
WERE THERE TWO FAST
FOOD RESTAURANTS?