



there was, there were

Name: _____

We use **there was** and **there were** for the past.

Affirmative

There was a party last night.

Negative

There wasn't a party last night.

Question

Was there a party last night?

was → singular / uncountable nouns

were → plural nouns

Use there was or there were.

The first marathon

2,500 years ago ¹ a war between Greece and Persia and ² a lot of battles. ³ a big battle in a place called Marathon, which the Greeks won*. This was important news, but ⁴ any internet and ⁵ any telephones. So a man called Pheidippides ran* to Athens with news of the battle. He ran about forty-one kilometres.

⁶ any good roads, so it was a difficult journey. When he arrived in Athens, he died.

*won = past of win, ran = past of run.



many, any, or a/an

Name: _____

Complete the sentences with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.
Use *many*, *any* or *a / an*.

2500 years ago,

..... rich footballers.



there weren't many rich footballers.

1. chariot races.
2. country called Persia.
3. sport called skateboarding.
4. messengers.
5. iPads.

Complete the sentences using affirmative and negative forms of *was* and *were*.

In the past ...

1 things different.