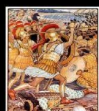


Was / were



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pheidippides>



1. Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of (there was) and (there were).

The First Marathon

2500 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.

2. Complete the sentences with affirmative and negative forms of 'there was' and 'there were'.

1.

2,500 years ago, there (was/were/ wasn't/weren't) many rich footballers.



2.

2,500 years ago, there (was/were/wasn't/weren't) chariot races.



3.

2,500 years ago, there (was/were/wasn't/weren't) a country called Persia.



4.

2,500 years ago, there (was/were/ wasn't/weren't) any sport called skateboarding.



5.

2,500 years ago, there (was/were/ wasn't/weren't) messengers to send messages.



6.

2,500 years ago, there (was/were/ wasn't/weren't) any iPads.

