

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



**2. Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.**  
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there was

there wasn't

there were

there weren't

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_ no  
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

**3. Write the correct answers. (page 65)**

there was

there wasn't

there were

there weren't

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|---|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2,500 years ago, _____ any rich footballers.         |
| 2 | 2,500 years ago, _____ many chariot races.           |
| 3 | 2,500 years ago, _____ a country called Persia.      |
| 4 | 2,500 years ago, _____ a sport called skateboarding. |
| 5 | 2,500 years ago, _____ many messengers.              |
| 6 | 2,500 years ago, _____ any iPads.                    |

