

THE PAST OF TO BE: WAS OR WERE?

A. Complete these sentences using the positive form of verb to be in the past:

was / were

1. He _____ very happy at work
2. The children _____ at the library
3. They _____ at the cinema yesterday
4. We _____ in London last week
5. You _____ at the bus stop this morning
6. My father _____ at work yesterday
7. Last night a thief _____ in our street
8. There _____ some apples in the basket.

B. Put these sentences into the negative form: wasn't weren't

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| 1. My hair was short | My hair _____ short |
| 2. We were artists | We _____ artists |
| 3. This book was very interesting | This book _____ very interesting |
| 4. I was very naughty | I _____ very naughty |
| 5. She was at home last night | She _____ at home last night |
| 6. It was cold and windy yesterday | It _____ cold and windy yesterday |

C. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verb to be in the past simple

1. _____ you at the football match yesterday?
2. _____ your sister a nurse?
3. _____ there any boots under the chair?
4. _____ your father an actor?
5. _____ your parents happy?
6. _____ Peter at home?
7. _____ the cat on the tree?
8. _____ it sunny yesterday?

D. Read the text and complete with the words in brackets

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were

weren't

wasn't

Susan and Dan _____ born in the same day.

They are twins. Their night birthday _____ last week, on April 28. It _____ a sunny and warm day.

My cousins and I _____ at the house. Our grandparents _____ with us too. The living room

_____ very nice. It _____ clean and there _____ flowers everywhere.

The dining room was beautiful decorated with balloons. The dining table _____ full of delicious food - butter and ham sandwiches and cakes; but there _____ any biscuits. It _____ a perfect day but we _____ all very happy.

