

(form) Complete the examples from the story.

10B past simple: be

4 10 Listen and repeat the examples. Then read the rules.

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I was a teacher.	I wasn't a teacher. (<i>wasn't = was not</i>)
You were in class yesterday.	You weren't in class yesterday. (<i>weren't = were not</i>)
He was tired last night.	He wasn't tired last night.
It was hot last week.	It wasn't hot last week.
We were in London last month.	We weren't in London last month.
You were late this morning.	You weren't late this morning.
They were famous in the 60s.	They weren't famous in the 60s.
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Were you late?	Yes, I was .
Was she a singer?	Yes, she was .
Were they in Mexico last week?	Yes, they were .
	No, I wasn't .
	No, she wasn't .
	No, they weren't .



I was a teacher.

- We use *was / were* to talk about the past.
- Present to past:
am / is → *was, are* → *were*
He is at home today.
He was at home yesterday.
- The past of *there is* = *there was*, and the past of *there are* = *there were*.
There was a party at the school last night.

Past time expressions:
 You can use the past simple with these time expressions:
this morning, yesterday, last night, last week, last month, last year.
He was late this morning.
She wasn't well last week.

(pronunciation)

- Listen and repeat the sounds in words.

/ɒ/ /z/ - WAS

/ɜ:/ / / - WERE

- Listen and repeat the sentences:

I was in the park on Sunday.

We were on holiday last month.

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- Make true sentences with *was/were* about yourself and tell them to your partner.

(meaning)

- Choose the correct answer.

1 Where was/were you last Sunday?

2 I was/were at home last night.

3 Was/Were Jack at school this morning?

4 Susan weren't/wasn't at work last week.

5 Were/Was your grandparents French?