

# GRAMMAR and READING: PAST SIMPLE TO BE

Put the sentences in the correct order

1. to the last beach? When was you went time the
2. the you sailing? was last When time went
3. the time was last went you theatre? to the When
4. shopping? went you When time was the last
5. was dancing? went you last the When time

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the sentences with: was/wasn't/were/weren't

1.-Michael Jackson (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a very popular artist. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1958.

2. - Last Saturday Antonio, Carlos and Irma (3) \_\_\_\_\_ home. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the country all weekend.

3. - I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ worried because they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ lost.

4. - (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Valentin and Isabel at the party? No, they (8) \_\_\_\_\_

5. - For most people Pelé (9) \_\_\_\_\_ one of the best soccer players in the world.

6.-What (10) \_\_\_\_\_ your favorite subject in high school? It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ math.

## WAS - WERE TO BE - Past Tense

**AFFIRMATIVE**

I **was** happy.  
He **was** hungry.  
She **was** a nurse.  
It **was** big.

We **were** early.  
You **were** at school.  
They **were** quiet.

**NEGATIVE**

I **wasn't** sad.  
He **wasn't** thirsty.  
She **wasn't** a teacher.  
It **wasn't** small.

We **weren't** late.  
You **weren't** at home.  
They **weren't** noisy.

wasn't = was not

weren't = were not

**QUESTIONS**

**Affirmative** They **were** happy.

**Question** **Were** they happy?

**Short Answer** Yes, they were / No, they weren't

**Affirmative** She **was** rich.

**Question** **Was** she rich?

**Short Answer** Yes, she was / No, she wasn't

WH- Word	+	Verb	+	Subject	+	Complement
Where	+	was	+	I / he / she / it	+	sick ... ?
Why	+	were	+	we / you / they	+	tired ... ?
When	+	were	+	we / you / they	+	ready ... ?

- Why **was** he angry?      - When **was** she nervous?  
- Where **were** you yesterday?      - Who **were** those people?

**Complete the conversation with was/wasn't/were/weren't**

Dough: Where (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you last night, Martin? I called you but you (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

Martin: No, I (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Betty and I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at a friend's house. We had dinner there and then watched TV.

Dough: Did you watch a film?

Martin: No, there (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a boxing match on Channel 7. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ great, but the girls (7) \_\_\_\_\_ upset!

Dough: They hate boxing, right?

Martin: Yes, and there (8) \_\_\_\_\_ another TV in the house.

 **1.69 Read the article. Which do you think is the best title?**

- a** The Birth of a Company
- b** We Met In 1969

**Are these sentences true or false?**

- a** Brian and Claw were friends before they started a company. **True**
- b** Brian was a science teacher when he met Claw.
- c** They rented an old shoe shop for \$10 a week.
- d** Alan Green joined the company in December 1969.
- e** The company has 2,500 employees around the world.

Write the past simple of these verbs

Present	Past aff	Past Neg
meet	_____	_____
have	_____	_____
is	_____	_____
are	_____	_____
talk	_____	_____
ask	_____	_____
change	_____	_____
want	_____	_____
start	_____	_____
stop	_____	_____
start	_____	_____
work	_____	_____
make	_____	_____
need	_____	_____
rent	_____	_____
increase	_____	_____
join	_____	_____