


# THERE WAS / THERE WERE

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Read about Kim's mum's school. Circle the correct words.

- <sup>1</sup> There wasn't / There weren't many pupils at my mum's school.  
<sup>2</sup> There was / There were eight boys and six girls in her class.  
<sup>3</sup> There wasn't / There weren't a swimming pool at the school. And  
<sup>4</sup> there wasn't / there weren't a cafeteria. <sup>5</sup> There was / There were a small gym.  
And <sup>6</sup> there was / there were a small library. But <sup>7</sup> there wasn't / there weren't  
any computers in the library.

**2** Jane's auntie is talking about her town in the past.

Listen and tick ✓ or cross x the places.  1:2

1 shops ☒

3 farm ☐

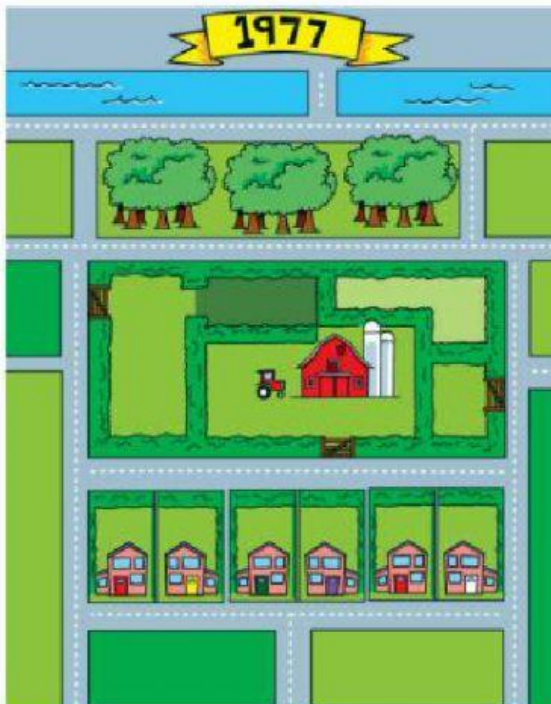
5 motorway ☐

2 shopping centre ☐

4 fields ☐

6 flats ☐

**3** Look at the map. Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.



1 There was a farm.

There wasn't a hotel.

2 There \_\_\_\_\_ some fields.

There \_\_\_\_\_ any flats.

3 There \_\_\_\_\_ a wood.

There \_\_\_\_\_ a shopping centre.

4 There \_\_\_\_\_ some gates.

There \_\_\_\_\_ any motorways.

Look at the picture of Newford town centre in 1965.  
Write sentences using the words below.

*There wasn't a cinema in Newford in 1965.*



- a cinema
- a hospital
- a lot of cars
- a lot of shops
- a park
- a stadium
- a theatre
- a train station

## Writing practice

Read and complete with the correct form of the verb *be*.

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This is a picture of our town one hundred years ago!

It <sup>1</sup> **was** ..... a quiet little town. There <sup>2</sup> ..... any cars in the street. There <sup>3</sup> ..... only horses and carriages. The air <sup>4</sup> ..... clean and there <sup>5</sup> ..... a lot of trees.

There <sup>6</sup> ..... many shops in High Street, only a bakery, a greengrocer's and a teashop. Postmen <sup>7</sup> ..... very busy! Their bags <sup>8</sup> ..... full of letters. There <sup>9</sup> ..... any computers or emails or mobile phones then. There <sup>10</sup> ..... only three telephones in the whole town!

