

## Verb be: past simple affirmative and negative

- 1 Complete the text with the correct affirmative (✓) or negative (X) form of *was / were*.

Lewis Clarke <sup>1</sup> wasn't (X) the first person to reach the South Pole. He <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (✓) one of the first teenagers to reach the South Pole. He <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (✓) sixteen years old at the time. He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (X) alone on the expedition. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (✓) with a guide. He and his guide <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (✓) in Antarctica for fifty days. His parents <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (✓) worried about him because it <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (✓) a very dangerous journey.

## Verb be: past simple questions and answers

- 2 Write the questions and complete the answers with the correct form of *was / were*.

- the weather / good on holiday?  
Was the weather good on holiday?  
Yes, it was.
- what / your party like?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
It \_\_\_\_\_ fun!
- your friends / in town?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No, they \_\_\_\_\_.
- when / you born?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ born in 2002.
- your sister / at school?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- where / Franco and Zoe this afternoon?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## there was / there were

- 3 Complete the affirmative (✓) or negative (X) answers. Then write the questions. Use the correct form of *there was / there were*.

- Was there a message on your phone?  
No, there wasn't a message on my phone. (X)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ a whiteboard in our classroom. (✓)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ many people in town today. (X)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ a computer room at my first school. (X)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ many students on the school trip. (X)



### Put it together

- 4 Answer the questions for you.

- Where were you born?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Was there a good film on TV last night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What was school like yesterday?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Were there any tourists in town last summer?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many students were in your English class last year?  
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