

## PAST SIMPLE: CAN -BE

**1 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.**

- 1 Jason **was** / **wasn't** at school. He was on holiday.
- 2 Pete and Kate **was** / **were** at the theatre last night.
- 3 Wendy and Jo **were** / **weren't** with me. **Was** / **Were** they with you?
- 4 'Was / Were you at home last night?' 'Yes, I **was** / **were**.'
- 5 Harry **was** / **were** in Spain last summer.
- 6 The weather **was** / **were** really nice last weekend – warm and sunny.

Write the correct answer for activity 1:

1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)

**2 Look at the table. Write sentences about where the people were. Use the past simple form of *be*, affirmative or negative.**

Day	Freddy	Nola
Mon	London	Manchester
Tues	Cardiff	Cardiff
Wed	Bristol	London
Thur	Newcastle	Bristol
Fri	Liverpool	Liverpool
Sat and Sun	Plymouth	Nottingham

1 Freddy / Manchester / Monday  
Freddy **wasn't** in Manchester on Monday.

2 Nola / London / Wednesday

3 Freddy and Nola / Newcastle / Tuesday

4 Freddy / Plymouth / Saturday and Sunday

5 Nola / London / Monday

6 Freddy and Nola / Liverpool / Friday

Assignment n° 11

Language

2° Year Beginner

4 What could Sarah and Mike do at these ages? Look at the table and write questions and answers. Use *be* and *can*.

	Sarah	Mike
swim	age three	age four
read	age five	age three
ride a bike	age six	age six

1 Mike / swim / three? Could Mike swim when he was three?

No, he couldn't.

2 Sarah / swim / four? \_\_\_\_\_

3 Mike / read / three? \_\_\_\_\_

4 Sarah / read / four? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Mike and Sarah / ride a bike / six? \_\_\_\_\_



Write the question in the first space and the answer in the second one. Don't forget to write the question mark (?)

5 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct past simple form of *be* and *can* (affirmative, negative and interrogative).



Zoe Hi, Erin. Are you having a good time in Africa?

Erin Yes, I am. I phoned you on Saturday, but you

1 \_\_\_\_\_ at home. Then I tried to phone you yesterday. But I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ get a signal.

Zoe Where are you now?

Erin In Zanzibar. We arrived two days ago. Yesterday we 3 \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach. I tried surfing, but it was really difficult – I 4 \_\_\_\_\_ stand up!

Zoe 5 \_\_\_\_\_ there any sharks?

Erin No! Well, I 6 \_\_\_\_\_ see any!

Zoe 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you in Tanzania last week?

Erin Yes, we 8 \_\_\_\_\_. We climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. The view from the top 9 \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic!

I 10 \_\_\_\_\_ see for miles!

Zoe Wow! That sounds amazing!

REMEMBER!

We use COULD + VERB INFINITIVE

We use WAS/WERE + adjective/adverb/time/place