

7.1 Past simple: was/were

1 Ask and answer the questions. Use the past simple of the verb to be.

Conversation 1

A: Katia / out with her friends last night? _____

B: Yes / they / at a restaurant in the centre. _____

A: the restaurant / good? _____

B: No / she / not happy / with the food. _____

Conversation 2

A: you / in Spain / on holiday? _____

B: No / I / there / on business. _____

A: the weather / good? _____

B: Yes / it / very nice. _____

2 Complete the sentences with the correct present or past form of the verb to be .

1 Why are they tired today? Were they at the concert until late yesterday?

2 It _____ her birthday today. She _____ 22 this year because last year it _____ her 21st birthday!

3 I _____ ill yesterday but I _____ OK today.

4 We _____ out all day yesterday because the weather _____ lovely.

5 Where _____ our classroom this year? Last year we _____ in Room 3.

6 He _____ late for work yesterday but he _____ early today.

7 The concert _____ very good, but the weather ! It _____ really cold.

8 Last week we _____ in Rome and this week we _____ in Prague.

3 Complete with a positive or negative statement. Use the words in brackets.

1 I cooked pasta. (chicken) I didn't cook chicken.

2 She didn't wait for half an hour. (ten minutes)

3 We walked in the park. (in the centre)

4 He didn't watch the news. (a talk show)

5 They stayed at their aunt's. (at their grandparents')

6 You didn't listen to me. (him)

7 I opened the window. (the door)

8 The train arrived at a quarter to six. (half past five)
