

VERB TO BE – PAST
(AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE)
Verb “TO BE”- PAST (*WAS / WERE***)**

Affirmative

Long form	Sentence
I was	. I was late at school.
You were	. You were a good student.
He was	. He was 10 last year.
She were	. She was good at science.
It was	. It was cold outside.
We were	. We were the best players.
You were	. You were very tall.
They were	. They were in the 5th grade.

Activity 1. Write “WAS” or “WERE”

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| a.- I _____ a nice boy. | k.- The book _____ interesting. |
| b.- She _____ pretty. | l.- The pencil _____ useful. |
| c.- You _____ tall. | m.- My cousins _____ 12 years old. |
| d.- Ann _____ very fast. | n.- The computer _____ “ON”. |
| e.- Paul _____ the best. | o.- Roger _____ nervous yesterday. |
| f.- The bus _____ yellow. | p.- My cat _____ funny last night. |
| g.- He _____ very funny. | q.- My sister and I _____ happy. |
| h.- The house _____ white. | r.- My friends _____ lazy yesterday. |
| i.- We _____ the champions. | s.- Lions _____ hungry this morning. |
| j.- They _____ very clever. | t.- The movie _____ interesting. |

Activity 2. Write in order

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| 1.- was movie a It funny | _____ |
| 2.- tired brother My was very | _____ |
| 3.- hungry last I was night | _____ |
| 4.- John lazy morning this was | _____ |
| 5.- the We best students were | _____ |

Activity 3. Write "WAS" or "WERE"



- a.- I _____ tired last night.
- b.- He _____ a very good football player.
- c.- My sister _____ one of the best students at school.
- d.- They _____ good teachers.
- e.- The cat _____ very hungry last night.
- f.- You _____ twelve years old last month.
- g.- We _____ the champions last season.
- h.- I _____ very fast in the race.

Activity 4. Circle the correct answer



- a.- I _____ tired last night. It was a hard day.
WAS WERE
 - b.- My parents _____ happy last night.
WAS WERE
 - c.- The weather _____ very cold yesterday.
WAS WERE
 - d.- Katy and Peter _____ nervous. They had an exam.
WAS WERE
 - e.- Paul _____ busy yesterday.
WAS WERE
 - f.- These books _____ very short.
WAS WERE
 - g.- Sarah _____ relaxed yesterday.
WAS WERE
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Activity 5. Circle the correct sentence

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| 1 a.- I was at home last night.
b.- I were at home last night.
c.- I are at home last night. | 8 a.- He was a good player.
b.- He were a good player.
c.- He are a good player. |
| 2 a.- My sister were 6 last year.
b.- My sister was 6 last year.
c.- My sister am 6 last year. | 9 a.- My parents was very happy.
b.- My parents is very happy.
c.- My parents were very happy. |
| 3 a.- We was the champions.
b.- We is the champions.
c.- We were the champions. | 10 a.- Paul were tired last night.
b.- Paul was tired last night.
c.- Paul are tired last night. |
| 4 a.- She was nervous for the exam.
b.- She were nervous for the exam.
c.- She are nervous for the exam. | 11 a.- They was very fast.
b.- They were very fast.
c.- They is very fast. |
| 5 a.- The books were interesting.
b.- The books are interesting.
c.- The books was interesting. | 12 a.- Kobe are the best player.
b.- Kobe was the best player.
c.- Kobe were the best player. |
| 6 a.- The movie are really boring.
b.- The movie was really boring.
c.- The movie were really boring. | 13 a.- My teacher were proud of me.
b.- My teacher are proud of me.
c.- My teacher was proud of me. |
| 7 a.- They were late yesterday.
b.- They are late yesterday.
c.- They was late yesterday. | 14 a.- The computer was "OFF".
b.- The computer are "OFF".
c.- The computer were "OFF". |

Activity 10. Correct the mistakes

a.- My sister were 5 last year. This year she is 6.

b.- I was at home tomorrow.

c.- That book were difficult to understand.

d.- These was my best trainers.

Negative

Long form	Short form	Sentence
I was not	I wasn't	. I wasn't very thin.
You were not	You weren't	. You weren't 10 years old.
He was not	He wasn't	. He wasn't from China.
She was not	She wasn't	. She wasn't a good student.
It was not	It wasn't	. It wasn't hot outside.
We were not	We weren't	. We weren't rude. We were polite.
You were not	You weren't	. You weren't fast. You were slow.
They were not	They weren't	. They weren't in the 6th grade.

Activity 2. Circle the correct answer

a.- I _____ from Ireland. I was from Brazil.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

b.- His name _____ John. His name was Paul.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

c.- The weather _____ very hot yesterday.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

c.- Ian and Roger _____ sad yesterday. They were very happy.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

d.- My dad _____ a cook. He was a waiter.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

e.- Those cats _____ very big. They were small animals.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

f.- Robin _____ from USA. He was Irish.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

g.- My cousins _____ very good students.

WASN' T

WEREN'T

Activity 4. Write "WASN'T" or "WEREN'T"

a.- She _____ a nurse. She was a doctor.

b.- My mum _____ forty-five. She was forty-four.

c.- You _____ tall, you were short.

d.- The weather _____ hot yesterday. It was cold.

e.- His eyes _____ blue. His eyes were green.

f.- I _____ late. I was on time.

g.- This car _____ expensive. It was cheap.

h.- My cousin _____ from Australia. She was from Peru.

i.- It _____ ten o'clock. It was eleven o'clock.

j.- Ian _____ my brother. Jeremy was my brother.

Activity 5. Write in order

- 1.- Yesterday at the wasn't I park _____
- 2.- boy sad wasn't The _____
- 3.- weren't We last hungry night _____
- 4.- dad happy wasn't My yesterday _____
- 5.- wasn't zoo at She the _____

Activity 13. Circle the correct word

- a.- Sam **wasn't** / **weren't** from Barcelona. He was from Lima.
- b.- Ann and Peter **wasn't** / **weren't** ten years old. They were eleven.
- c.- I **wasn't** / **weren't** sick last night. I was at home.
- d.- The weather **wasn't** / **weren't** sunny. It was cloudy.
- e.- We **wasn't** / **weren't** at the cinema yesterday.

Activity 17. The secret message

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CORRECT INCORRECT

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| 1.- I wasn't very happy last night. | I | E |
| 2.- You weren't at home. | W | S |
| 3.- She weren't nervous at school. | F | A |
| 4.- They wasn't in the park at 10. | V | S |
| 5.- He weren't from Portugal. | G | N |
| 6.- We weren't the best players. | T | P |
| 7.- It weren't sunny last week. | U | S |
| 8.- It wasn't a nice cat. | A | E |
| 9.- Peter wasn't very polite yesterday. | C | D |