

WAS/WERE and DID QUESTIONS

PAST OF TO BE (Was/Were)

To make questions: **Invert** the verb to be

Example: **They were** at home last night

Were they at home last night?

With **question words**:

Example: Where were they last night?

BE CAREFUL!

NEVER use the auxiliary **DID** with was/were

PAST SIMPLE (rest of the verbs)

For the rest of the verbs follow this order:

QW/AUX/SUBJECT/VERB/the rest

Did they do the washing up?

What did you do last night?

Where did your mum go yesterday?

BE CAREFUL!

ALWAYS use **DID** when there is a subject

Exercise 1 Fill the gaps with was, were or did.

- 1- _____ Mandy at work yesterday?
- 3- _____ they go to Italy last month?
- 5- What film _____ Carol watch?
- 7- _____ your dog in the garden?
- 9- Who _____ she go on holiday with?
- 11- Where _____ you buy this shirt?
- 13- _____ her friends go to the party?
- 15- _____ your TV working yesterday?
- 17- _____ there a Café at your hotel?
- 19- When _____ you in Canada?



- 2- Where _____ they go last Christmas?
- 4- _____ he play football yesterday?
- 6- What _____ the weather like?
- 8- Why _____ you learn Chinese?
- 10- _____ the men at the cinema?
- 12- _____ your father at home?
- 14- Where _____ the children yesterday?
- 16- _____ Frank do his homework?
- 18- What time _____ Kate arrive?
- 20- _____ she have a cup of coffee?

Exercise 2 Make questions Examples:

Candy was in the park yesterday.

Where was Candy yesterday?



Peter went to London last month.

When did Peter go to London?



- 1- I did my homework last night.
- 2- He went to the cinema yesterday.
- 3- My sister phoned me last Friday.
- 4- Sally was in the office yesterday.
- 5- My parents were at home.
- 6- He didn't come to the party.
- 7- They arrived at one o'clock.
- 8- I bought a new car last week.
- 9- I bought a new car last week.
- 10- Anne was tired yesterday.

- What _____?
- Where _____?
- When _____?
- Where _____?
- Where _____?
- Why _____?
- What time _____?
- What _____?
- When _____?
- How _____?



Exercise 3 Order the questions



- 1- They/did/English/yesterday/study?
_____?
- 2- at the pub/your friends/last night/were?
_____?
- 3- Did/Lisa/what/yesterday/do?
_____?
- 4- he/have lunch/what time/did/?
_____?
- 5- Brad/visit/when/his brother/did/?
_____?

Exercise 4 Choose the correct option.

Mary **wasn't/didn't** go to work yesterday. She **wasn't/weren't** well. She **had/have** a big headache and a temperature. She **phone/phoned** the office. Her boss **wasn't/weren't** there so she **could/couldn't** speak to him. She spoke to his secretary. She **feel/felt** very sorry about it but there **was/wasn't** nothing she could do about it. Two days later she **was/were** much happier. She **feel/felt** much better.