

## 9A Past: questions

For the past of *be*, we form questions with *was/were* + subject.

*Were you a good student?*

*Was your school near your home?*

*Were the exams very difficult?*

*Was English your favorite subject?*

For the simple past, we form questions with *did* + subject + base form of the verb.

*Did you study Spanish in school?*

*Did your parents go to college?*

*Did you have toast for breakfast today?*

| 9.4               |     | I / he / she / it                               | you / we / they                                     |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Verb<br><i>be</i> | ?   | Was the class interesting?                      | Were Tom and Mia in class yesterday?                |
|                   | Y/N | Yes, it <b>was</b> . / No, it <b>wasn't</b> .   | Yes, they <b>were</b> . / No, they <b>weren't</b> . |
| Other<br>verbs    | ?   | Did you <b>have</b> an English class last week? |                                                     |
|                   | Y/N | Yes, I <b>did</b> . / No, I <b>didn't</b> .     |                                                     |

We can put question words at the start of the question to ask for more information.

*What was your favorite subject?*

*Where did you study?*

*Who was your favorite teacher?*

*Why did you study history?*

*When did you finish college?*

*How was your vacation?*

*How many students were there in your class?*

*How much did your dictionary cost?*

*How long did you stay?*

*How far did you go?*

- 1 Complete the past questions with the words in parentheses.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (be/it) sunny yesterday?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you/play) golf with Laura?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (they/enjoy) the game?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (be/Paul) good at golf?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you/like) the golf course?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (be/it) busy?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (be/your shoes) comfortable?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Paul/stay) with you on the weekend?

- 2 Write short answers to the questions in exercise 1.

- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- No, \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.



- you / a / did / vacation / good / have / ?
- go / did / where / you / ?
- on the tour / how many / were / people / ?
- the / hotels / nice / were / ?
- have / did / what time / you / dinner in the hotel / ?
- food / like / the / you / did / ?
- stay / did / long / how / you / ?