

CHAPTER 2: PAST SIMPLE TENSE

LESSON 8: INTRODUCTION TO PAST SIMPLE TENSE

Used to describe actions, events, situations,... already happened and finished in the past.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
S+ was/ were + O....	S+ was/ were + not + O....
I/he/she/it + was We/you/they+ were	Was not= wasn't Were not = weren't
I was at my uncle's house yesterday. They were in Hanoi on their summer vacation last month.	I wasn't at home last Monday. We weren't happy because our team lost.



Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the correct past form of "be":

Example: I was in London last night.

1. You _____ in Zurich last Tuesday.
2. He _____ in Paris last week.
3. She _____ in Milan last month.
4. We _____ in Brussels last year.
5. They _____ in Moscow yesterday.

Exercise 2: Make the sentences in exercise 1 negative in the shortened form (wasn't/ weren't)

Example: I was in London last night.

⇒ *I wasn't in London last night.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____





Exercise 3: Choose the correct answers:

1. I was/ were hungry this morning
2. You were/ was in the garden yesterday.
3. We were/ was excited about the upcoming celebration.
4. They weren't/wasn't at the beach last weekend.
5. James was/were a doctor before he retired.
6. I was/were in the football team last year.
7. Tom and Dian were/ was late for school today.
8. Three children was/ were at the party last night.
9. They wasn't/ weren't so tired after a long-haul flight.
10. The weather was/ were fantastic on our vacation.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct answer for these sentences:

1. You _____ at the party.
A. was B. were
2. She _____ in the classroom.
A. wasn't B. weren't
3. The boys _____ in the park.
A. was B. were
4. It _____ his birthday last week.
A. was B. were
5. Mom and Dad _____ happy about the present given.
A. wasn't B. weren't



6. The books _____ on the shelf.

A. was B. were

7. The weather _____ really nice to have outdoor picnic with my friends.

A. was B. were

8. I _____ at school to study mathematics yesterday.

A. was B. were

9. My holiday in California last summer _____ wonderful.

A. was B. were

10. Her grandparents _____ her caretakers when she was a child.

A. was B. were

11. I _____ sorry that I had hurt him seriously.

A. was B. were

12. We went to Kate's house but she _____ at home yesterday.

A. wasn't B. weren't

13. The cookies _____ delicious and mouthwatering in the last night's meal.

A. was B. were

14. Bob's father _____ so exhausted so he went to bed early.

A. was B. were





Exercise 5: Rewrite the following sentences into the past simple tense with was/were

1. I am seven years old.

2. You are my best friend.

3. The grasshopper is jumping.

4. The women are talkative.

5. Your bike is in the garage.

6. Andrew is fascinate to read the book given.

7. The boys are very kind.

8. There is a bottle on the table.

9. His siter is in the sea all morning.

10. It isn't a very interesting film.
