



II Past Simple



T 103

16.1 IL PAST SIMPLE DEL VERBO BE

forma affermativa		forma negativa	
soggetto	verbo	soggetto	verbo + not
I	was	I	was not / wasn't
you	were	you	were not / weren't
he / she / it	was	he / she / it	was not / wasn't
we	were	we	were not / weren't
you	were	you	were not / weren't
they	were	they	were not / weren't

forma interrogativa		risposta breve	
verbo	soggetto	soggetto	verbo (+ not)
Was	I?	I	was / wasn't.
Were	you?	you	were / weren't.
Was	he / she / it?	Yes, he / she / it	was / wasn't.
Were	we?	No, we	were / weren't.
Were	you?	you	were / weren't.
Were	they?	they	were / weren't.

My uncle **was** a vet in Devon. *Mio zio faceva il veterinario nel Devon.*

Danielle **wasn't** at work last week. *La scorsa settimana Danielle non era al lavoro.*

Were the shops open yesterday? *Ieri i negozi erano aperti?*

– **Were** you at the party on Sunday? – No, I **wasn't**. I was ill.

– *Eri alla festa domenica?* – No. *Ero malato.*



Per chiedere e dire il luogo e la data di nascita in inglese si usa il **Past Simple** di *to be born* (essere nato).

– **Where were** you born? – I **was born** in Athens. (*non: I'm born* in Athens.)

– **Dove sei** nato? – Sono nato ad Atene.

– **When was** Shakespeare born? – In 1564.

– **Quando è** nato Shakespeare? – Nel 1564.

What was the weather like in Edinburgh?



1 FORMA AFFERMATIVA Completa le frasi con *was* o *were*.

- It was very hot last summer.
- There a bingo hall just round the corner.
 - Where you? - I in my room.
 - Why she annoyed?
- Because they late.
 - My favourite series on TV last night.
 - I always good at foreign languages.
 - Who at the cinema on Saturday?
 - You very rude to Mr Saunders!
 - Mr Jones and Mr Smith at the meeting?

2 FORMA NEGATIVA E INTERROGATIVA Volgi le frasi alla forma negativa e interrogativa.

The movie was good. **The movie wasn't good. / Was the movie good?**

- The children were thirsty after the walk.
- You were nervous before the exam.
- I was right.
- The windows were closed.
- There was a fire engine in front of the supermarket.
- We were naughty as kids.
- Frank was in a hurry yesterday.
- My favourite subject at school was P.E.

3 RISPOSTE BREVI Associa a ogni domanda la risposta breve e il completamento corrispondenti.

Was Mr Parker a good teacher?

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| 1. Were you born abroad? | ☐ a ☐ A | a. Yes, he was. | A. He was an excellent teacher |
| 2. Were the Smiths your next door neighbours? | ☐ b ☐ B | b. No, it wasn't. | B. People weren't enthusiastic about the food. |
| 3. Were you in Paris in 2013? | ☐ c ☐ C | c. No, there wasn't. | C. The Bolts were our next door neighbours. |
| 4. Were there a lot of things to do? | ☐ d ☐ D | d. No, they weren't. | D. I was in Paris in 2014. |
| 5. Was there much time for sightseeing? | ☐ e ☐ E | e. Oh yes, there were. | E. I was born in Mexico. |
| 6. Was the food good at Marino's? | ☐ f ☐ F | f. No, I wasn't. | F. There was little time for sightseeing. |
| | ☐ g ☐ G | g. Yes, I was. | G. There was something to do every day. |

4 TUTTE LE FORME Completa le frasi con il *Past Simple* del verbo *be*.

- ANN Hi Pam. You (0) weren't at home last week. Where (00) were you both?
- PAM We went to Ireland for a short holiday.
- ANN How nice! What (1) the weather like?
- PAM It (2) dreadful. Rain and wind, and more rain and wind.
- ANN What a pity! What did you do?
- PAM We went for walks, but when all our shoes and all our clothes (3) wet, we had to stay in the hotel.
- ANN (4) there any nice people staying there?
- PAM That (5) another problem. There (6) hordes of noisy children.
- ANN Well, (7) you glad to get home?
- PAM Oh yes, I (8)

5 TUTTE LE FORME Traduci le frasi sul quaderno.

Quando era a scuola, Paul era bravo in matematica. **When he was at school, Paul was good at maths.**

- Ieri sera c'è stato un temporale e i bambini erano spaventati.
- L'assassino era il maggiordomo? - No, i suoi figli erano gli assassini.
- Avevo sete ma il tè era troppo freddo.
- Come stavano i tuoi nonni? - Stavano bene, grazie.
- Sabato scorso sono stata alla conferenza. C'era anche Mike.
- Quando è nato Charles Dickens? - Nel 1812.