



5 Write sentences and questions with the correct form of **there was/there were**.

- 1 / International Space Station in the 1800s (X)
There wasn't an International Space Station in the 1800s.
- 2 / package holidays in the 1960s (?)
- 3 / an excursion to the city's ancient ruins yesterday (✓)
- 4 / flights to the island last week (X)
- 5 / a stadium in your town in the past (?)

6 Look at the top ten tourist attractions from 2019. Then complete the text below with **was(n't)** or **were(n't)**.



TOP 10 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS 2019

- 1 Angkor Wat – Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 2 Plaza de España – Seville, Spain
- 3 Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center – Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 4 St. Peter's Basilica – Vatican City, Italy
- 5 Mezquita – Catedral de Córdoba – Córdoba, Spain
- 6 Taj Mahal – Agra, India
- 7 Duomo di Milano – Milan, Italy
- 8 Alcatraz Island – San Francisco, California, the US
- 9 Golden Gate Bridge – San Francisco, California, the US
- 10 Parliament – Budapest, Hungary

SEEING THE SIGHTS!

The Tripadvisor list of best places for sightseeing in 2019 (a) very surprising, because popular places like the Eiffel Tower and the London Eye (b) in the top ten. There (c) five European places: there (d) two in Spain and Italy and one (e) in Hungary. It's very surprising that there (f) a place from Africa or South America on the list. There (g) two North American places – both in California. Finally, there (h) three places in Asia. There (i) one in India and one in the United Arab Emirates. Then there (j) the number one place for tourists to visit in 2019 – Angkor Wat in Cambodia. Would you like to go there?

7 Write questions using the past of **be**.

- 1 Where / you / in 2019 / ?
- 2 Where / your parents / yesterday / ?
- 3 Where / you / at 10 pm last night / ?
- 4 Where / your family / last August / ?

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- 8 SPEAKING Ask and answer the questions in 7.

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Past simple of **can**

9 Look at these sentences and answer the questions.

- a You **could** see how humans are changing the planet.
- b He **couldn't** see well without glasses.
- c A: **Could** they become real astronauts?
B: Yes, they **could**. / No, they **couldn't**.

- 1 What comes after **could** or **couldn't**?
- 2 What happens in questions? Where does **could** go?

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10 Read about the first package holiday. Complete the text with **could** or **couldn't**.

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In 1841 Thomas Cook was the first person to organise a package holiday. Passengers

(a) only travel 12 miles by train on this excursion. In those days, tourists (b) book online and they (c) only pay with real money. In 1851 there were trips to London so that people (d) visit London's Great Exhibition.

Then in 1855 people (e) travel on Thomas Cook's first international trip around Europe. Before that, they (f) buy a package holiday to another country, they didn't exist. In 1872 people (g) go on a round-the-world tour for £210 – that's over £25,000 in today's money! However, they (h) travel by plane, so the trip was 222 days long, mostly by boat.



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11 SPEAKING Find out at what age your partner could do these things for the first time.

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| 1 speak English | 4 read |
| 2 ride a bike | 5 use a mobile phone |
| 3 swim | 6 cook |

When could you speak English?

I could speak English when I was eight. Could you?

No, I could speak English when I was ten.