

**PAST SIMPLE: TO BE**

**INTERROGATIVE**

The verb 'to be' has two meanings in Spanish: ser / estar.

<i>was/were</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>...?</i>	☺	☹
<i>Was</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>at school?</i>	<i>Yes, you were</i>	<i>No, you weren't</i>
<i>Were</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>in the park?</i>	<i>Yes, I was</i>	<i>No, I wasn't</i>
<i>Was</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>at school?</i>	<i>Yes, he was</i>	<i>No, he wasn't</i>
<i>Was</i>	<i>she</i>	<i>in the park?</i>	<i>Yes, she was</i>	<i>No, she wasn't</i>
<i>Was</i>	<i>it</i>	<i>at school?</i>	<i>Yes, it was</i>	<i>No, it wasn't</i>
<i>Were</i>	<i>we</i>	<i>in the park?</i>	<i>Yes, you were</i>	<i>No, you weren't</i>
<i>Were</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>at school?</i>	<i>Yes, we were</i>	<i>No, we weren't</i>
<i>Were</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>at school?</i>	<i>Yes, they were</i>	<i>No, they weren't</i>

**1. Where were Sam's grandparents? Look at the passports and answer the questions.**

- a) Was Sam's grandfather in Paris in 1957?
- b) Was Sam's grandmother in New York in 1963?
- c) Were Sam's grandparents in Hong Kong in 1963?
- d) Was Sam's grandfather in Australia in 1970?
- e) Was Sam's grandmother in Tahiti in 1970?
- f) Were Sam's grandparents in America in 1070?



**2. Complete the questions with was / were. Then choose the correct true answer for you.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ you in bed at 10 pm last night? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ it hot yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ your parents born in the same city? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend in Miami last month? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ you and your friends online last night? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Choose the correct words to complete the questions.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Janis Joplin a songwriter?
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ John, Paul and George, and Ringo in the Rolling Stones?
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Mozart from Germany?
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Knowles sisters born in the 1980s?
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ Keith Moon a drummer?

4. Look at the pictures and choose the correct short answers to the questions in the previous exercise.



The songwriter Janis Joplin (1943–1970)



The Beatles: John, Paul, George, and Ringo



The Austrian composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Beyoncé Knowles (b. 1981) and her sister Solange (b. 1986)



Keith Moon (1946–1978), drummer for The Who

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

5. Choose to complete the questions and answers.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ Steve in London on Monday?  
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- b) \_\_\_\_\_ Steve and Jane in Lisbon on Wednesday?  
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- c) \_\_\_\_\_ Steve and Jane in Paris on Tuesday?  
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- d) \_\_\_\_\_ Jane in London on Friday?  
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- e) \_\_\_\_\_ Steve in Madrid on Thursday?  
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- f) \_\_\_\_\_ Jane in Athens on Wednesday?  
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- g) \_\_\_\_\_ Jane and Steve in London on Saturday?  
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- h) \_\_\_\_\_ Steve in Lisbon on Tuesday?  
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Mon	London
Tues	Paris
Wed	Barcelona
Thur	Madrid
Fri	Lisbon
Sat	London

Mon	Manchester
Tues	Paris
Wed	Geneva
Thur	Rome
Fri	Athens
Sat	London