



Jamie's tired. Yesterday he **was** in the school play. He **was** a firefighter.



Mom and Dad **were** happy.



Was and **were** are the past simple forms of the verb **be**.

Now

*I **am** ten.*

*The weather **is** sunny.*

*They **are** old now.*

Before

*Last year, I **was** nine.*

*Yesterday, it **was** rainy.*

*They **were** young in this photo.*

We use the past simple of **be** to identify someone or something in the past, to talk about the location of someone or something in the past, and to talk about the time and the weather in the past.

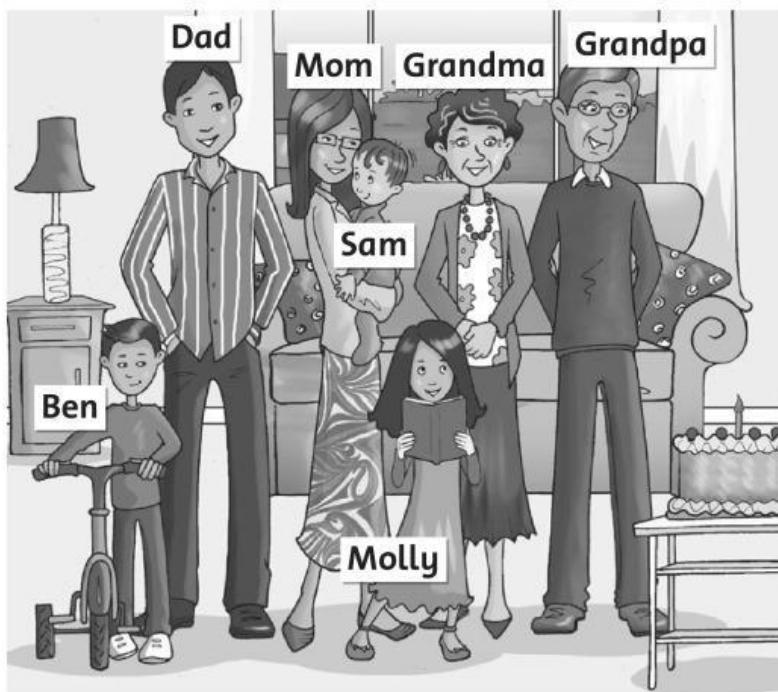
1 Circle the past simple forms of **be**.

Look at this old photo of my grandparents.

They **were** young! My grandma was pretty, and my grandpa was handsome. That's my mother. She **was** very cute. My grandma says she **was** smart. They **were** a small family.



2 This is a photo from last year. Look and write.



- 1 It / Sam's birthday _____ It was Sam's birthday _____.
- 2 Sam/ one _____.
- 3 Dad / handsome _____.
- 4 Molly / smart _____.
- 5 Grandpa / hungry _____.
- 6 The family / happy _____.

3 Where were they yesterday? Look and write.

zoo park store



She was at

the zoo



Jamie was a firefighter. His friend Dave wasn't a firefighter.
He was a police officer. Alison wasn't in the play.



The negative forms of **was** and **were** are **was not** and **were not**.
We usually use the short forms.

Affirmative

I was
you were
he was
she was
it was
we were
you were
they were

Negative (short form)

I wasn't
you weren't
he wasn't
she wasn't
it wasn't
we weren't
you weren't
they weren't

wasn't = was not
weren't = were not



4 Circle the correct past simple negative form of be.

- 1 Mom and Dad **wasn't** / **weren't** old.
- 2 Alison **wasn't** / **weren't** messy.
- 3 Jamie **wasn't** / **weren't** a police officer.
- 4 It **wasn't** / **weren't** sunny yesterday.
- 5 We **wasn't** / **weren't** at the park.

5 Make the sentences negative.

1 Jamie was a police officer. Jamie wasn't a police officer.

2 Dave was a firefighter.

3 Grandpa and Grandma were old.

4 Alison was in the play.

5 Yesterday it was sunny.

6 Write. Use the correct affirmative or negative form of the verb be.

Jamie's school play was about jobs. Jamie ¹ was a firefighter.

Dave ² _____ a firefighter. He ³ _____ a police officer.

Other girls and boys ⁴ _____ doctors and nurses. Alison

5 _____ in the play. Mom and Dad⁶ _____ happy.

7 Look at the picture. True or false? Write T or F.



1 It wasn't sunny.	<u>T</u>	2 Jamie was at school.	<u></u>
3 Alison was a baby.	<u></u>	4 Mom and Dad were old.	<u></u>
5 It wasn't 12 o'clock.	<u></u>	6 Mom and Dad were happy.	<u></u>

1 Circle the false word. Write the correct word.

1

It was cold. hot

2

It was sunny. rainy

3

The bedroom was
neat. messy

4

Grandpa and Grandma
were old. young

2 Complete.

was wasn't were weren't

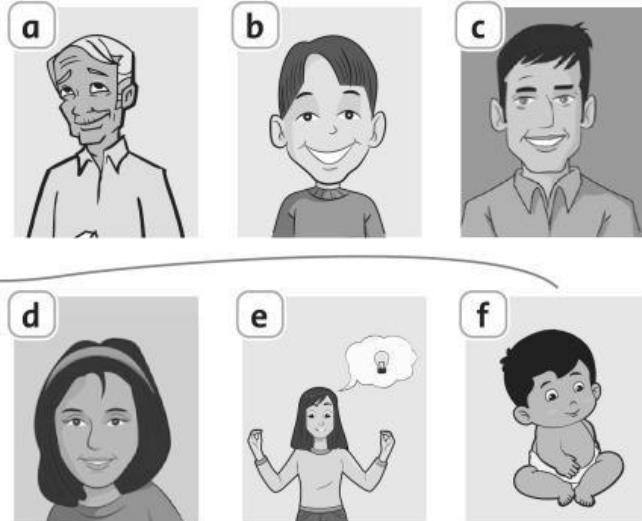


On my birthday it ¹ was rainy outside. My party ² wasn't in the living room. The party ³ wasn't fun. At the end, the cake ⁴ wasn't on the table. The balloons ⁵ were on the floor. The living room ⁶ was very messy, but my bedroom ⁷ wasn't neat!

1 Match.

/ 5

- 1 cute
- 2 old
- 3 smart
- 4 handsome
- 5 young
- 6 pretty



2 Complete.

/ 5

was wasn't were weren't



- 1 Jay and his friends were outside.
- 2 They were at home.
- 3 It wasn't rainy.
- 4 It wasn't sunny.
- 5 The girls were under the umbrella.
- 6 Jay wasn't under the umbrella.

3 Circle the correct word.

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1 She <u>wasn't</u> / <u>were</u> old.	2 It <u>wasn't</u> / <u>were</u> rainy.
3 They <u>wasn't</u> / <u>were</u> at the park.	4 He <u>was</u> / <u>were</u> cute.
5 We <u>was</u> / <u>were</u> smart.	6 I <u>was</u> / <u>were</u> pretty.