

There was / There were

1 43 Read the conversation. Check (✓) the two animals at the aquarium.

a penguins b great white sharks
c sand tiger sharks

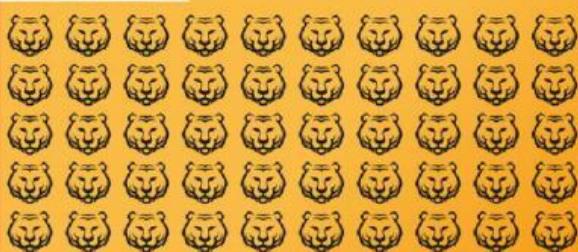
Eli: There was an awesome aquarium in Baltimore.
Ava: That's the National Aquarium, right? Was there a great white shark?
Eli: No, there wasn't. There were some big sand tiger sharks, but there weren't any great white sharks.
Ava: Were there any penguins?
Eli: Yes, there were.

2 Complete the chart.

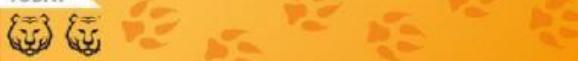
Present	Past
There's an aquarium.	1 <u>There was</u> an aquarium.
There isn't a shark.	There <u>wasn't</u> a shark.
There are some sharks.	2 <u>There were</u> some sand tiger sharks.
There aren't any sharks.	3 <u>There weren't</u> any great white sharks.
Is there a shark?	Was <u>there</u> a great white shark?
Are there any penguins?	4 <u>There were</u> any penguins?

3 Choose the correct answers.

100 YEARS AGO



TODAY



1 There was / There were 100,000 wild tigers 100 years ago. Now there are only 3,500.
2 "Was there / Were there a snake at your uncle's house?" "Yes, there was / there were."
3 There's a lot of trash in this river. There weren't / There wasn't any trash in it ten years ago.
4 "Was there / Were there any restaurants near the beach?" "No, there wasn't / there weren't."

4 Look at the maps and complete the conversation.

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Liam: 1 Was there a city here 50 years ago?

Mia: No, 2 there wasn't. Today, this is a city of 200,000 people, but 50 years ago 3 there weren't any houses or people here. And 50 years ago, 4 there was a big forest. Now, 5 there aren't only a few parks.

Liam: 6 Was there any wild animals?

Mia: Sure, 7 there were a lot of wild animals – but not now.



*last = the previous
the last night / week / month / year*



Your turn

5 Write questions and answers. Use the correct forms of *there was* / *there were*.

1 any new students in your class this year?

Were there any new students in your class this year?

Yes, there were. There were three new students.

2 any good movies on TV last night?

3 a math class yesterday?

4 any hot, sunny days last week?

5 any rain last week?

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Showing interest

1  44 Listen and read. Does Bella like chameleons?



2  45 Match 1–3 with a–c to make three conversations. Listen and check.

1 We have two fish, a snake, and three cats. _____

2 There are 200 different wild animals in this forest. _____

3 I have this amazing new game on my phone. _____

a Really? Can I see it?

b Are you serious? That's a lot of pets!

c No way! Are there any monkeys?

3  46 Listen and repeat the phrases.

1 Really?	3 No way!
2 That's totally awesome!	4 Are you serious?

4 In pairs, practice showing interest. Use these ideas.

- I have (nine cousins / a new tablet / (your idea)).
- There are (three new students in my class / only 2,500 Bengal tigers in the world / (your idea)).

I have nine cousins.

Are you serious? That's a lot of cousins!

1  47 Read the text quickly. How many people are there in the Davies family?

2 Read the tip.

Tip

Good readers can recognize and understand abbreviations.

Find the seven abbreviations in the text. Match them with 1–7.

1 kilometers	<u>km</u>	5 with	_____
2 and	_____	6 years	_____
3 thanks	_____	7 you	_____
4 very	_____		

3 Read the text again. Complete the sentences with numbers.

- The Davies family is on a 12 _____-month trip.
- There was a terrible storm on February _____.
- The storm was _____ km away.
- There were people on Nikumaroro _____ years ago.
- Their boat is ready to leave on March _____.
- Samoa is _____ km from Nikumaroro.

4 Read the text again. Choose T (True) or F (False).

1 After the storm, the Davies are near a mountain.	T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 People offer to help the Davies.	T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
3 The Davies can repair their boat.	T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
4 There's a river on the island.	T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
5 The crabs take the Davies' water.	T <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>

5 Answer the questions.

1 Where is Nikumaroro?

It's in the middle/center of the Pacific Ocean.

2 How is Steve Davies telling their story?

3 Who is scared of the storm?

4 Why is life on Nikumaroro good?

5 What wild food can the family eat?

SHIPWRECKED!

The Davies family from Auckland, New Zealand, are half-way through a twelve-month trip on a boat. They're visiting an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. This sounds perfect – but the visit isn't part of their plan. Steve Davies is tweeting their story via satellite Internet:

Steve Davies @SteveD9876 23:14 February 23

There's a big storm 25 km away. It's v windy. Both children are scared.

Steve Davies @SteveD9876 09:18 February 24

We're shipwrecked! There was a terrible storm last night. We're on a beach on Nikumaroro island.



Paula K 09:21 February 24

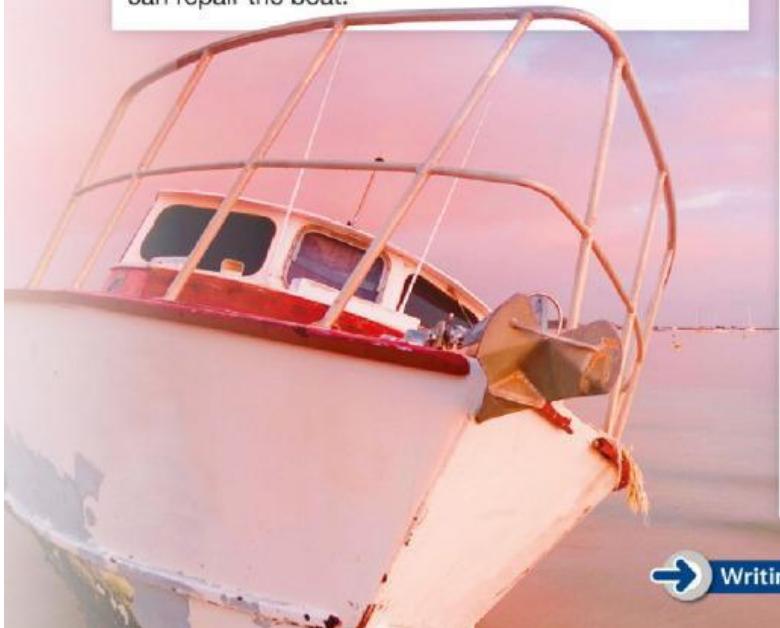
@SteveD9876 Oh, no! Are u OK?

Dave F 09:28 February 24

@SteveD9876 Steve!! How can we help u?

Steve Davies @SteveD9876 09:30 February 24

Thx for the tweets! We're OK. We have food & we can repair the boat.



Steve Davies @SteveD9876 12:48 March 1

Life on Nikumaroro is good. :-) The beach is awesome & we have 2 happy children.



Steve Davies @SteveD9876 12:49 March 1

There aren't any rivers, but we can catch fish in the ocean. There's fruit in the forest, too.

Steve Davies @SteveD9876 12:50 March 1

There aren't any people here, but it looks like there's an old village!

Paula K 05:33 March 2

@SteveD9876 There were people on Nikumaroro 50 yrs ago! U can Google it.

Steve Davies @SteveD9876 16:03 March 3

We're having a few problems w crabs. They take our food. They're v big!



Steve Davies @SteveD9876 13:14 March 5

The boat's ready! :-) Next stop Samoa, 1,400 km away. Thx for all the tweets!



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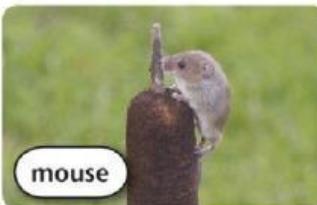


Before you watch

1 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the correct animal names.



owl



mouse



toad

- 1 The _____ looks like a frog.
- 2 The _____ is a small omnivore.
- 3 An _____ is a type of bird.

2 Do the animals in exercise 1 live in your country?

While you watch

3 Watch the preview video. What do you see? Choose the correct words.

- 1 The video shows one fox / two foxes.
- 2 The wildcat is brown / black.
- 3 There are two / four polecats.
- 4 The badger is eating / sleeping.
- 5 The deer are in a forest / on the grass.
- 6 The otter is playing in the trees / water.
- 7 An adder is a type of snake / bird.
- 8 The hedgehog is red / gray.
- 9 The red squirrel is eating / looking for food.
- 10 The gray squirrel is swimming / running.

4 Watch the video. Complete the sentences.

- 1 Red deer eat grass and leaves _____.
- 2 The British _____ Center is in Newchapel.
- 3 Otters live on land and in _____ and lakes.
- 4 Otters sometimes eat mice, birds, and _____.
- 5 Adders can _____ people.
- 6 Hedgehogs are _____ animals in Britain.
- 7 150 years ago, there weren't any _____ squirrels in the U.K.
- 8 Squirrels eat nuts and _____.

5 Correct the sentences about British wildlife. Then watch again and check.

- 1 You can only see red deer in the south of the U.K.
You can see red deer in many parts of the U.K.
- 2 Otters aren't very good at swimming.
- 3 Hedgehogs are endangered because of other animals.

- 4 Gray squirrels came from Spain.

- 5 The Wildlife Center is trying to save gray squirrels.

After you watch

6 Make a project or video about some animals in your country. Answer the questions and include any other information you know.

- Where do they live?
- What are they good at?
- What do they eat?
- Are they endangered?

