

GRAMMAR UNIT 3. PAST SIMPLE. THERE WAS/WERE. USED TO.

1. Choose the correct answer.

1. ___ a great film on TV last night.
a) There was
b) There were
2. ___ any sugar in the cupboard.
a) There wasn't
b) There weren't
3. ___ a good show at the theatre yesterday?
a) Was there
b) Were there
4. ___ three chairs near the table.
a) There was
b) There were
5. ___ any balloons in the room?
a) Were there
b) Was there

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of there was / there were.

1. _____ (not) a sandwich on the plate a minute ago.
2. _____ any tables in the room?
3. _____ a man in the street an hour ago?
4. _____ some children in the park yesterday.
5. _____ an apple in the bag.

3. Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. six / eggs / There / in / the / were / fridge / yesterday / .

2. any / there / music / the / at / party / Was / ?

3. a / wasn't / banana / the / table / There / on / .

4. flowers / weren't / any / There / garden / in / the /.

5. was / jacket / a / There / the / shop / in /.

4. Correct the sentences.

1. **There were** a new programme on TV yesterday.

2. **There were** any people in the room.

3. **There was** a guitar near the desk?

4. **Was there** an MP4 player on the table.

5. **There wasn't** some cheese on the bread.

5. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of USED TO:

1. She _____ (live) in Madrid.

2. Peter _____ (not smoke) a lot.

3. My daughter Laura _____ (be) a bad student.

4. _____ (they/visit) us?

5. They _____ (talk) for hours.

6. Steve _____ (not arrive) late.

7. _____ (she / drive) to work?

8. They _____ (eat) together.

6. Write sentences with the words below to compare what people used to do and what they do now.

1 write letters / send e-mails

People used to write letters. Now they send e-mails

2 call from home / call from anywhere

3 travel by horse and cart / travel by car

4 listen to the radio / watch TV

5 play games outside / play computer games

6 only cook on fires / cook on stoves

7 make clothes by hand / make clothes in factories

8 grow their own vegetables / buy vegetables

7. Translate these sentences into Spanish:

1. My sister worked as a nurse in a hospital last summer.

2. The mechanic repaired my bike, but it was still slow.

3. My cousin used to work as a waiter, and he was very patient.

4. There were web designers in the office last year.

5. There were many salespersons in the shop.
