Past simple to be

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1 Complete the sentences with *was* or *were*.

1 We *were* at school yesterday.
2 You _____ late.
3 There _____ lots of people at the concert.
4 It _____ cold last week.
5 Emily _____ born on 12th August.
6 I _____ very shy as a child.
7 Susan and Craig _____ in the park yesterday.
8 It _____ a great film!

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	SHORT FORM
I was	I was not	I wasn't
You were	You were not	You weren't
He was	He was not	He wasn't
She was	She was not	She wasn't
It was	It was not	It wasn't
We were	We were not	We weren't
You were	You were not	You weren't
They were	They were not	They weren't

INTERROGATIVE	SHORT ANSWERS
Was I...?	Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
Were you...?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
Was he...?	Yes, he was. / No, he wasn't.
Was she...?	Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.
Was it...?	Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.
Were we...?	Yes, we were. / No, we weren't.
Were you...?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
Were they...?	Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

2 Rewrite the sentences in the Past simple and add the time expressions in brackets.

1 I am very busy. (yesterday)
I was very busy yesterday.
2 William is eleven years old. (last year)
_____.
3 We are on holiday in the mountains. (last summer)
_____.
4 You are at the party. (last night)
_____.
5 The maths homework is easy. (on Monday)
_____.
6 They are in London for work. (two years ago)
_____.

3 Complete the sentences with the Past simple of *to be*.

1 They *weren't* on time for class yesterday and the teacher was angry.
2 We weren't happy with the hotel. The room _____ very small and it _____ very clean.
3 Yesterday _____ a holiday so the shops _____ closed.
4 A Where is my handbag?
B I don't know. It _____ on the table but it isn't there now.
5 A I love your new shoes!
B _____ they expensive?
6 This time last year we _____ in New York!

Rewrite the sentences in the negative and interrogative forms.

1 She was a good student.
She wasn't a good student.
Was she a good student?
2 Terry was in France.
_____.
_____?
3 We were on our bikes.
_____.
_____?
4 You were early.
_____.
_____?
5 Kate and Mike were on holiday.
_____.
_____?
6 I was at home last night.
_____.
_____?

5 Listen to the conversations and tick the correct answer.

1 Was the party at nine o'clock?
a ☑ Yes, it was.
b ☐ No, it wasn't.

2 How old was Chris last Saturday?
a ☐ He was ten.
b ☐ He was twenty.

3 Where were they?
a ☐ They were at school.
b ☐ They were at home.

4 Why wasn't Sally at work?
a ☐ She was on holiday.
b ☐ She was sick.

5 Where were Paul and Annie?
a ☐ They were in the park.
b ☐ They were at the gym.

6 Where was Joe on holiday?
a ☐ He was in Australia.
b ☐ He was in Italy.

LIVEWORKSHEETS