

(there) was/were

1 ☆ Choose the correct option.

Where **1 was/were** you on Saturday? It **2 was/were** Will's birthday and you **3 wasn't/weren't** at his party.

No, I **4 wasn't/weren't**. I **5 was/were** at home. My mum **6 wasn't/weren't** there and my little sister **7 was/were** with me. **8 Was/Were** it a good party?

Yes, it **9 was/were**. Your cousins Rachel and Maya **10 wasn't/weren't** there. Where **11 was/were** they?

I think they **12 was/were** at a concert. Their dad **13 was/were** in the band.

2 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with *there was/were* or *there wasn't/weren't*.

How much do you know about these everyday objects?

- 1** There were (+) other board games before chess. Senet was probably the first one.
- 2** There weren't (-) any small electronic calculators before the 1970s.
- 3** People used bits of wood to clean their teeth in ancient times. There weren't (-) any modern toothbrushes until 1938.
- 4** Before 1869, there wasn't (-) any modern chewing gum. People chewed parts of trees instead.
- 5** Around 7,000 years ago, there were (+) socks, but people used animal fur and not wool.



3 ☆☆☆ Complete the text with the correct past simple form of *be*.

Who **1 were** these famous historical inventors? Why **2 were** they famous?

There **3 were** so many cool people like John Logie Baird and Alexander Graham Bell. They **4 were** both from Scotland. Baird **5 was** one of the inventors of the television. People say that Bell **6 wasn't** (not) the only inventor of the telephone, but he made the first phone call. **7 Were** there any women? Well, there **8 was** Hedy Lamarr. She **9 wasn't** (not) a scientist. She **10 was** a famous actress and she **11 was** also very good at maths. Hedy Lamarr's work **12 was** important for the invention of WiFi, GPS and Bluetooth.

