

Practical Work: Past Simple Verb TO BE

Name: _____

Date: _____

READING

1 Jenny is visiting the School Museum. Read the first paragraph of the article and answer the questions.

1 When was the school trip?

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2 What year is the class learning about?

.....

3 Where is the museum?

.....

3 Choose the best title for the article in Ex 2.

1 My favourite school trip

2 Family life in the past

3 A very different school

2 e Read the article. Choose a word below. Write the correct words next to numbers 1–5.

Last week we were at the School Museum. What an interesting place! You can travel back in time there and be a school child in 1837. The school is in avillage..... and it's very different from our school.

The school is in an old ¹..... . Inside there's one very large classroom called the School Room. In 1837 there were 200 children in this room, and there was only one teacher in the class. The desks were really ²..... and old-fashioned, and they were all facing the front.

At the School Museum there is a real teacher, so you can have a lesson in the school room. You sit at the desks and try writing with the ³..... with real ink. The lesson we were in at the School Museum was ⁴..... and boring. And all my answers were wrong!

Life for school children in the past wasn't fun. After school the children were busy working for their families. There wasn't much free time and, of course, there weren't any gadgets like TVs or ⁵..... .



pens



laptops

$$2+2 = \left\{ \left\{ x \rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. (-1 - \sqrt{31}) \right\} \right\}$$

easy



difficult

building



small



new



quiet



village

GRAMMAR

past simple: be

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Where **was** / **were** you this morning?
- 2 I **wasn't** / **weren't** in school yesterday.
- 3 Our class **was** / **were** on a trip to the museum.
- 4 There **was** / **were** some very old toys there.
- 5 There **wasn't** / **weren't** any visitors.
- 6 What time **was** / **were** it?

2 Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (A–F).

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| 1 Was there a bathroom in the house? | A It was sunny. |
| 2 Were there any chairs in the kitchen? | B Yes, there was. |
| 3 Were you cold there? | C I was five. |
| 4 Was it a big house? | D No, it wasn't. |
| 5 What was the weather like? | E No, I wasn't. |
| 6 How old were you? | F No, there weren't. |

3 Complete the blog with the correct form of *was* or *were*.



On Friday I ¹ at an exhibition at the Science Museum with my class. There ² lots of gadgets for listening to music, from the last 100 years or so. There ³ any CDs in the 1900s. There ⁴ machines called gramophones. They work like record players, but they have big speakers, like trumpets. The sound ⁵ very good, not like modern CDs, but I think some of the gramophones ⁶ really beautiful.

4 Alice and Beth are looking at an old photo of their city. Complete the conversation with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.



5 Write short answers about you and your family.

- 1 Were your parents born in the 1990s?
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- 2 Was your grandad in a pop group when he was young?
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- 3 Was there just one teacher at your school yesterday?
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- 4 Were you a beautiful baby?
.....
- 5 Were there any good programmes on TV last night?
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- 6 Was your last English homework difficult?
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- A: Wow! The city ¹ very different in the 1940s.
- B: Yes. What ² those things? They look like buses.
- A: They ³ called trams, I think.
- B: There ⁴ any cars in the city centre.
- A: You're right. There ⁵
- B: And all the people are wearing hats in this photo. Look!
- A: Yes, hats ⁶ very popular.