

Name:
Adults 3 (beginner)

TO BE

Past & Present



TO BE - Past & Present
AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES

NOW
Today

John **is** 70 years old.
He **is** old.

PAST
60 years ago

John **was** 10 years old.
He **was** young.



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NOW

We **are** together.

PAST

We **_____** together.



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PAST TENSE

I	was	sad.
He	was	poor.
She	was	a student.
It	was	difficult.
We	were	late.
You	were	at home.
They	were	noisy.

- Yesterday - Last month
- Last week - Last year

PRESENT TENSE

I	am	happy.
He	is	rich.
She	is	a nurse.
It	is	easy.
We	are	early.
You	are	at school.
They	are	quiet.

- Now - Right Now
- At the moment

EXAMPLES

I **was** sad yesterday, but I **am** happy at the moment.
She **was** a student last year, but she **is** a nurse now.
They **were** busy last week, but they **are** free right now.

1. Change the sentences from present to past

Present simple

I'm tired.

1. Today is Sunday.
2. We are in Munich today.
3. I'm in Italy this month.
4. My father's a pilot.
5. It is open now.
6. Today is my birthday.

Past simple

I **was** tired last week.

- Yesterday _____ Saturday.
- We _____ in Berlin yesterday.
- I _____ in France last month.
- My grandfather _____ a pilot too.
- It _____ open this morning.
- Yesterday _____ my friend's birthday.

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WAS - WERE TO BE - Past Tense

NEGATIVE			ENGLISH
I	wasn't	sad.	wasn't = was not
He	wasn't	thirsty.	
She	wasn't	a teacher.	
It	wasn't	small.	
We	weren't	late.	weren't = were not
You	weren't	at home.	
They	weren't	noisy.	

2. Write the negative form of the following sentences

Example: He was a writer

He **wasn't** a writer. He was an actor.

1. I was very tired this morning.

2. Peter was at work last night.

3. My friends were at school yesterday.

4. David was very happy last night.

5. We were in a hurry.

6. It was hot yesterday.

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QUESTIONS				
+ Affirmative	They were happy.	She was rich.		
? Question	Were they happy?	Was she rich?		
Short Answer	Yes, they were / No, they weren't	Yes, she was / No, she wasn't		
WH- Word	Verb	Subject	Complement	
Where	+	was	+	sick ...?
Why	+	were	+	tired ...?
When	+	were	+	ready ...?
- Why was he angry?				- When was she nervous?
- Where were you yesterday?				- Who were those people?

3. Write questions and answers

Examples:

Mozart / from Germany? ✗

Was Mozart from Germany?

No, he wasn't.

1. Columbus and Magellan / explorers? ✓

2. Virginia Woof/ writer? ✓

3. the Bee Gees / from the USA? X

4. John McEnroe / footballer? X

5. Matisse/composer? X

6. Greta Garbo/actress? ✓

7. Tolstoy and Cervantes / painters? X
