

# PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB **TO BE**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE	SHORT ANSWERS
I was	I was not (I wasn't)	Was I...?	Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
You were	You were not (You weren't)	Were you...?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
He was	He was not (He wasn't)	Was he...?	Yes, he was. / No, he wasn't.
She was	She was not (She wasn't)	Was she...?	Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.
It was	It was not (It wasn't)	Was it...?	Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.
We were	We were not (We weren't)	Were we...?	Yes, we were. / No, we weren't.
You were	You were not (You weren't)	Were you...?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
They were	They were not (They weren't)	Were they...?	Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

## A) Complete the sentences using **was** or **were**.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ very tired after work yesterday.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ in Dublin last summer.
- Karen \_\_\_\_\_ ill when we visited her.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ rainy last weekend.
- Steve and Ella \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach yesterday.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ never late for school.
- The muffins \_\_\_\_\_ delicious.
- The soup \_\_\_\_\_ tasty.
- That man \_\_\_\_\_ in prison some years ago.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ such a cute baby.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ 8 pm when I got home.
- My dog \_\_\_\_\_ very energetic.
- Her shoes \_\_\_\_\_ too small for her.
- The exam \_\_\_\_\_ a bit difficult.
- Mr Smith \_\_\_\_\_ off work last week.

## C) Ask questions using **was** or **were**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ the bakery open last Sunday?
- \_\_\_\_\_ you at the cinema yesterday?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helen at the dentist two days ago?
- \_\_\_\_\_ the girls on time for the dance class?
- \_\_\_\_\_ the receptionist helpful?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your parents on holidays last week?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peter ashamed of what he did?
- \_\_\_\_\_ the French test easy or difficult?
- \_\_\_\_\_ you born in July?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your daughter fond of tennis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Smiths your neighbours?
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ they last night?
- Why \_\_\_\_\_ you so tired?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Michael a drummer?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bob and Fiona at the wedding?

## B) Complete the sentences using **wasn't** or **weren't**.

- It \_\_\_\_\_ windy at the beach.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ at the office yesterday.
- The earrings \_\_\_\_\_ expensive.
- Mrs Shorten \_\_\_\_\_ my favourite teacher.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ an easy task.
- The children \_\_\_\_\_ very cooperative.
- Oliver \_\_\_\_\_ interested in the talk.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ born yesterday, you know!
- My parents \_\_\_\_\_ very happy about it.
- His car papers \_\_\_\_\_ in order.
- Cindy \_\_\_\_\_ dressed for the occasion.
- They said it \_\_\_\_\_ true.
- The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly to us.
- Liz \_\_\_\_\_ in love with Russell.
- The boys \_\_\_\_\_ in the pub yesterday evening.

## D) Put the words in the correct order.

- born / . / was / Sarah / October / in  
\_\_\_\_\_
- were / they / holidays / in / on / . / Greece  
\_\_\_\_\_
- not / it / was / . / rainy / spring / last  
\_\_\_\_\_
- was / ? / where / sister / yesterday / your  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ? / why / you / so / sleepy / were  
\_\_\_\_\_
- worried / . / Lucy / was / the / about / exam  
\_\_\_\_\_
- not / . / was / Alex / very / in / attentive / class  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ? / you / were / yesterday / morning / where  
\_\_\_\_\_

## E) Answer the questions using short answers.

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| 1. Were the kids quiet?                   | No, _____  |
| 2. Was the restaurant open?               | Yes, _____ |
| 3. Were you a shy girl?                   | Yes, _____ |
| 4. Were you and Tim tired after the trip? | Yes, _____ |
| 5. Was Mrs Potter a good boss?            | Yes, _____ |
| 6. Was it snowy last winter?              | No, _____  |
| 7. Was your grandfather bald?             | Yes, _____ |