

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.
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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.

1. I _____ very tired after work yesterday.
2. We _____ in Dublin last summer.
3. Karen _____ ill when we visited her.
4. It _____ rainy last weekend.
5. Steve and Ella _____ at the beach yesterday.
6. I _____ never late for school.
7. The muffins _____ delicious.
8. The soup _____ tasty.
9. That man _____ in prison some years ago.
10. You _____ such a cute baby.
11. It _____ 8 pm when I got home.
12. My dog _____ very energetic.
13. Her shoes _____ too small for her.
14. The exam _____ a bit difficult.
15. Mr Smith _____ off work last week.

C) Ask questions using was or were.

1. _____ the bakery open last Sunday?
2. _____ you at the cinema yesterday?
3. _____ Helen at the dentist two days ago?
4. _____ the girls on time for the dance class?
5. _____ the receptionist helpful?
6. _____ your parents on holidays last week?
7. _____ Peter ashamed of what he did?
8. _____ the French test easy or difficult?
9. _____ you born in July?
10. _____ your daughter fond of tennis?
11. _____ The Smiths your neighbours?
12. Where _____ they last night?
13. Why _____ you so tired?
14. _____ Michael a drummer?
15. _____ Bob and Fiona at the wedding?

E) Answer the questions using short answers.

1. Were the kids quiet?
2. Was the restaurant open?
3. Were you a shy girl?
4. Were you and Tim tired after the trip?
5. Was Mrs Potter a good boss?
6. Was it snowy last winter?
7. Was your grandfather bald?

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

1. It _____ windy at the beach.
2. I _____ at the office yesterday.
3. The earrings _____ expensive.
4. Mrs Shorten _____ my favourite teacher.
5. It _____ an easy task.
6. The children _____ very cooperative.
7. Oliver _____ interested in the talk.
8. I _____ born yesterday, you know!
9. My parents _____ very happy about it.
10. His car papers _____ in order.
11. Cindy _____ dressed for the occasion.
12. They said it _____ true.
13. The waiter _____ very friendly to us.
14. Liz _____ in love with Russell.
15. The boys _____ in the pub yesterday evening.

D) Put the words in the correct order.

1. born / . / was / Sarah / October / in
2. were / they / holidays / in / on / . / Greece
3. not / it / was / . / rainy / spring / last
4. was / ? / where / sister / yesterday / your
5. ? / why / you / so / sleepy / were
6. worried / . / Lucy / was / the / about / exam
7. not / . / was / Alex / very / in / attentive / class
8. ? / you / were / yesterday / morning / where

No, _____
 Yes, _____
 Yes, _____
 Yes, _____
 No, _____
 Yes, _____