

past simple: *be*

1 Complete the sentences with *is*, *are*, *was* or *were*.

- 1 In 1837 there musical instruments, but no TVs.
- 2 There usually about thirty children in modern British classes.
- 3 there any whiteboards at school in the 1830s?
- 4 There a lot of work to do. Let's start!
- 5 Why she away from school yesterday?

2 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

There isn't a supermarket in the village.

There wasn't a supermarket in the village.

- 1 There aren't any TVs at the school.

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- 2 The lesson isn't very interesting.

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- 3 Old computers aren't very quick.

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- 4 The weather isn't nice.

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- 5 My parents aren't happy with me.

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.