Existence in Past

1 Read and listen. Write 3 differences between Jack's town in the past and now.

SUNDAY

Dear Diary,
Yesterday, I was at Eastcastle Museum with my friends, Alfie and Lisa. There was a really good exhibition about the town in 1964. The town was different in the past. There were only 19,000 people living here then, but now there are 40,000 people living in the town! It's bigger than my old town, which is good – there's lots to do here. In 1964, there was a big football stadium near the hospital, but now there's a shopping centre there. I prefer football to shopping! There was a police station opposite the bus station. There isn't a police station there now – there's a theatre. I like watching plays and I'm very happy there's a theatre in my new town.

All about grammar Past simple: *there was / there were*

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There **was**	a school.	There **wasn't**	a sports centre.
There **were**	some squares.	There **weren't**	any shopping centres.

2 What are the grammar rules? Tick ✓.

	Singular	Plural	Affirmative	Negative
There was	✓		✓	
There wasn't				
There were				
There weren't				

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Listen and write *T* (true) or *F* (false). Correct the false sentences.

1 There weren't any hotels, but there was a post office. T

2 There was a bridge, but there weren't any squares. ___

3 There was a museum, but there weren't any sports centres. ___

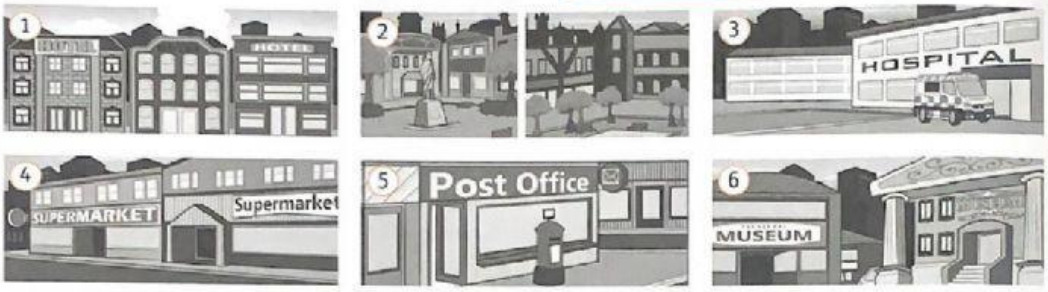
4 There weren't any supermarkets and there wasn't a school. ___

5 There was a library and a bus station. ___



1 **Look and complete with *There was*, *There were*, *There wasn't* or *There weren't*.**

Look
was not → wasn't were not → weren't



1 ✔ There were some hotels.

2 ✘ _____ any theatres.

3 ✔ _____ a hospital.

4 ✔ _____ two supermarkets.

5 ✘ _____ a shopping centre.

6 ✘ _____ two post offices.

2 **Look and complete using the correct words.**

~~There was~~ there weren't there wasn't any There were there was some

Morton: 1902 and today

I live in Morton. It's a big town now, but it was very different in 1902. [1] There was a big square in the middle of the town. [2] _____ people and horses in the square, but [3] _____ [4] _____ cars. Now, there's a busy bus station in the square. There were [5] _____ hotels here in 1902 and [6] _____ a small museum. There were some shops, too, but [7] _____ a shopping centre. Now, there's a big shopping centre with 100 shops! Morton is a great place to live.



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