

## THE PAST OF TO BE: WAS OR WERE?

A. Complete these sentences using the positive form of verb to be in the past:

was / were

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ very happy at work
2. The children \_\_\_\_\_ at the library
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema yesterday
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ in London last week
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ at the bus stop this morning
6. My father \_\_\_\_\_ at work yesterday
7. Last night a thief \_\_\_\_\_ in our street
8. There \_\_\_\_\_ some apples in the basket.

B. Put these sentences into the negative form:      wasn't      weren't

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| 1. My hair was short               | My hair _____ short               |
| 2. We were artists                 | We _____ artists                  |
| 3. This book was very interesting  | This book _____ very interesting  |
| 4. I was very naughty              | I _____ very naughty              |
| 5. She was at home last night      | She _____ at home last night      |
| 6. It was cold and windy yesterday | It _____ cold and windy yesterday |

C. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verb to be in the past simple

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you at the football match yesterday?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your sister a nurse?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ there any boots under the chair?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your father an actor?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ your parents happy?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter at home?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the cat on the tree?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ it sunny yesterday?

D. Read the text and complete with the words in brackets

was

were

weren't

wasn't

Susan and Dan \_\_\_\_\_ born in the same day.

They are twins. Their night birthday \_\_\_\_\_ last week, on April 28. It \_\_\_\_\_ a sunny and warm day.

My cousins and I \_\_\_\_\_ at the house. Our grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ with us too. The living room

\_\_\_\_\_ very nice. It \_\_\_\_\_ clean and there \_\_\_\_\_ flowers everywhere.

The dining room was beautiful decorated with balloons. The dining table \_\_\_\_\_ full of delicious food - butter and ham sandwiches and cakes; but there \_\_\_\_\_ any biscuits. It \_\_\_\_\_ a perfect day but we \_\_\_\_\_ all very happy.

