

Was and were: affirmative and negative



Neil Armstrong **was** the first man on the moon.



It **was** cold this morning!

Was and **were** are the past simple form of **be**. We use **was** and **were** to talk about the past.

We often use the past simple with certain time expressions, e.g. *yesterday, yesterday morning/afternoon/evening, last night/week/month/year, on Monday/Tuesday, this morning/afternoon/evening*, etc.

*We **were** in class six last year.*

*She **wasn't** at her piano lesson last night.*

Affirmative		Negative	
Long form	Long form	Short form	
I was	I was not	I wasn't	
You were	You were not	You weren't	
He was	He was not	He wasn't	
She was	She was not	She wasn't	
It was	It was not	It wasn't	
We were	We were not	We weren't	
You were	You were not	You weren't	
They were	They were not	They weren't	

1 Circle the correct option

► We ~~was~~ **were** tired last night.

- 1 I ~~wasn't~~ / ~~weren't~~ at school last week.
- 2 You ~~was~~ / ~~were~~ very kind yesterday.
- 3 It ~~was~~ / ~~were~~ cold last night.
- 4 My parents ~~was~~ / ~~were~~ at the supermarket this morning.
- 5 David ~~wasn't~~ / ~~weren't~~ happy yesterday.
- 6 We ~~was~~ / ~~were~~ late this morning.
- 7 My friends ~~wasn't~~ / ~~weren't~~ in the park this afternoon.
- 8 She ~~was~~ / ~~were~~ at home all day today.

2 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.



▶ I'm not at home.

I wasn't at home.

1 They aren't hungry.

2 Lucy isn't here.

3 You and I are very lucky.

4 I'm busy.

5 You're funny!

6 The weather is terrible.
