

PAST SIMPLE: VERB TO BE

GRAMMAR

PRESENT

I am / am not

You are / aren't

He is / isn't

She is / isn't

It is / isn't

We are / aren't

You are / aren't

They are / aren't

PAST

I was / wasn't

You were / weren't

He was / wasn't

She was / wasn't

It was / wasn't

We were / weren't

You were / weren't

They were / weren't

ACTIVITIES

1. Choose: is / was (present/past).

- a. My mother _____ very pretty when she was a baby.
- b. This teacher is very nice. She _____ my favourite teacher!
- c. He has a lot of homework today, he _____ very bussy.

d. Last month I prepared a Science project. The teacher said it _____ a very good job.

2. Complete the blanks with was / were:

- a) I _____ an English teacher.
- b) He _____ a good child, very nice.
- c) The exam _____ very difficult, but we passed.
- d) Yesterday you _____ playing and today you need to study for the exam.
- e) Two big dogs _____ in the park and my little brother _____ very afraid.
- f) They _____ always helping their parents at home.

3. Change the verb to make these sentences correct (from affirmative to negative, and from negative to affirmative).

A. Jane and Mark weren't shouting in class. The teacher said: Stop! →

B. Lily was very polite when she was little. She never said: thank you. →

C. Yesterday we played tennis for two hours. We weren't tired after it. →

D. My grandparents weren't very active, they walked a lot. → _____

E. You studied a lot for the exam. You weren't very responsible. →

F. Christmas Day and New Year's Eve were in autumn. → _____