

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).

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

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. → _____