Life

Beginner Unit 10a

was/were







New Message

Hi Rona

Sorry, I wasn't at home on Saturday but I was busy. It was my sister's birthday so my family were at her house. It was a great party! How was your weekend? Can we meet tomorrow?

Best wishes

Sam

Presentation

Use was/were to talk about the past.

Present	Past
am/is	was
are	were

Affirmative

I / He / She / It	was	burn
You / We / They	were	— busy.

Negative

I / He / She / It	wasn't	at have an Oatsudes
You / We / They	weren't	at home on Saturday.

Yes/No questions

Was	I/he/she/it	at the parts?
Were	you / we / they	— at the party?

Short answers

Voc	I / he / she / it	was.
Yes,	you / we / they	were.
N	I / he / she / it	wasn't.
No,	you / we / they	weren't.

Key vocabulary Time references: yesterday, last night, on Saturday, last year, in 1999 Special days: birthday, party, wedding, anniversary

Exercises

1 Read the email. Choose the correct forms.



New Message

Hello Sam

I 1 (was/ were busy on Sunday. It 2 was / were my parents' 25th wedding anniversary. My brothers and sisters 3 was / were all at their house for the party. It 4 was / were great fun!

How 5 was / were your sister's birthday? 6 Was / Were there many people at her party?

Can you meet me at five tomorrow?

Rona



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Exercises

2 Read about George's parents and Yukio's twin brothers. Are sentences 1-8 true (T) or false (F)?



My father and mother were born in 1957. He was from the USA but they were at Oxford University in England and their wedding was in England. Last year was their 25th wedding anniversary.



My brothers were born on 25th October, 1989. They were both at school at the same time but they weren't at the same university. Last week they were both twenty-one years old. There was a big party at our house for them.

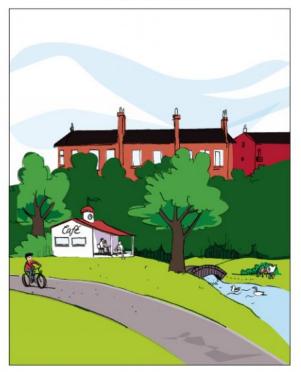
1	George's parents were born in the same year.				
2	They were from the USA.				
3	His mother was at Oxford University.				
4	Their wedding was last year.				
5	Yukio's brothers were born on the same day.				
6	They weren't at the same school.				
7	Their twenty-first birthday was last week.				
8	It wasn't a big party.				
3	Complete the conversations with was, were, wasn't or weren't. Then listen and check.				
Co	onversation 1				
A:	Hello, Nancy. How 1 your weekend?				
B:	Great! Mike and I ² in New York.				
A:	That's amazing!				
B:	3: It ³ my birthday.				
A:	Happy Birthday!				
Co	onversation 2				
C:	James here this morning?				
D:	No, he ⁵				
C:	Where 6he?				
D:	I think he 7 in a meeting with Sue and Rona. They 8 in Sue's office.				
C:	No, they 9 because I was with Sue in her office all morning!				
Co	onversation 3				
E:	How 10 your sister's wedding?				
	Really good!				
	it big?				
	No, there 12 many people, just family and good friends.				

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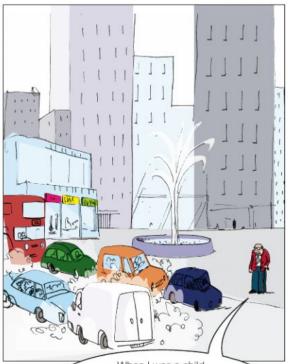
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There was/were

When I was a child ...



Now



When I was a child,
there was a park and a river with a bridge
across it. I think there was a café on the left
and there were some trees and houses
behind it. And twenty years ago there weren't
these shops and the road in front wasn't
busy with all these cars.

Presentation

Affirmative and negative

There	was wasn't	а	park.
	were	some	houses
	weren't	any	- houses.

Yes/No questions

Was	- there	а	park?
Were		any	houses?

Short answers

Yes, there was/were. No, there wasn't/weren't.

Key vocabulary Places in town: park, shop, café, road, cinema, pedestrian crossing, playground, bridge, skyscraper Location: in front, behind, on the left/right, near here, next to, in the middle, across



Beginner Unit 10b

Exercises

1	Co	Complete the sentences with there was, there were, there wasn't or there weren't.				
	1	There was a cinema next to th	e post office			
	2	When I was a boy,	three houses	here. Now it's an office block.		
	3	A: Was there a busy road here?				
		B: No,	t.			
	4	a shop but there wa	is a café.			
	5	A: Were there houses or skyscrapers?				
		B: When I was here two years ago, I think		some skyscrapers.		
	6	A: Were there any trees next to the pond?		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
		B: No,				
2	Lo	ook at the pictures and answer the ques	stions.			
		Two years ago		Now		
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Was there a road here? Was there a market in the square? Was there a café next to the bank? Were there any shops on the left? Were there two restaurants on the right? Was there a pedestrian crossing? Was there an Indian restaurant?		was. wasn't. There were cars.		
3	Ma	atch 1-8 to a-h.				
	1	Was there a café	a	there was a playground in the park.		
	2	When I was a student, there	b	on the left?		
	3	Last year there were	c	there wasn't. think there was a bank next to the cinema.		
	5	Two years ago, I When I was child,	d e	wasn't a library here.		
	6	Were there	f	two restaurants on the right.		
	7	Was	g	there a car park here?		
	8	Was there a shop on the corner? No,	h	two bridges across the river?		
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