

PAST TENSE 'TO BE'

We use the past tense of 'to be' to talk about people or things that have happened before.

Present tense
(Subject + to be)

I am angry today

You are sad now

He is a doctor

She is tired

It is a small dog now

We are at school now

They are teachers

Past tense
(Subject + to be)

I was angry yesterday

You were sad a week before

He was a doctor

She was tired

It was a small dog one year ago

We were at school at 10am

They were teachers



To use the negative form (-) we add not after 'to be'

Present tense
(Subject + to be + not)

I am not tired today

You are not happy now

He is angry

She is not a policewoman

It is not a tall tree now

We are not at the park now

They are not lawyers

Past tense
(Subject + to be + not)

I _____ not tired yesterday

You _____ not happy a week ago

He _____ angry

She _____ not a policewoman

It _____ not a tall tree one year ago

We _____ not at the park at 10am

They _____ not lawyers



In question form (?) we put the past tense of 'to be' at the start.

Present tense
(To be + subject)

Am I angry today?

Are you sad now?

Is he hungry?

Is she a doctor?

Is it a small dog now?

Are we at school now?

Are they teachers?

Past tense
(To be + subject)

_____ I angry yesterday?

_____ you sad last week?

_____ he hungry?

_____ she a doctor?

_____ it a small dog one year ago?

_____ we at school at 10 AM?

_____ they teachers?

