

THERE WAS / THERE WERE

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Read about Kim's mum's school. Circle the correct words.

- ¹ There wasn't / There weren't many pupils at my mum's school.
² There was / There were eight boys and six girls in her class.
³ There wasn't / There weren't a swimming pool at the school. And
⁴ there wasn't / there weren't a cafeteria. ⁵ There was / There were a small gym.
And ⁶ there was / there were a small library. But ⁷ there wasn't / there weren't
any computers in the library.

2 Jane's auntie is talking about her town in the past.

Listen and tick ✓ or cross x the places.  1:2

1 shops ☒

3 farm ☐

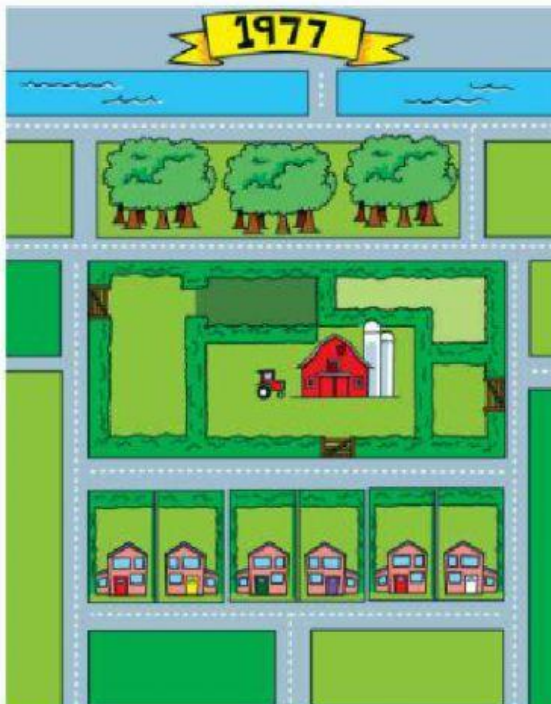
5 motorway ☐

2 shopping centre ☐

4 fields ☐

6 flats ☐

3 Look at the map. Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.



- 1 There was a farm.
There wasn't a hotel.
2 There _____ some fields.
There _____ any flats.
3 There _____ a wood.
There _____ a shopping centre.
4 There _____ some gates.
There _____ any motorways.

Look at the picture of Newford town centre in 1965.
Write sentences using the words below.

There wasn't a cinema in Newford in 1965.



- a cinema
- a hospital
- a lot of cars
- a lot of shops
- a park
- a stadium
- a theatre
- a train station

Writing practice

Read and complete with the correct form of the verb *be*.

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This is a picture of our town one hundred years ago!

It ¹ **was** a quiet little town. There ² any cars in the street. There ³ only horses and carriages. The air ⁴ clean and there ⁵ a lot of trees.

There ⁶ many shops in High Street, only a bakery, a greengrocer's and a teashop. Postmen ⁷ very busy! Their bags ⁸ full of letters. There ⁹ any computers or emails or mobile phones then. There ¹⁰ only three telephones in the whole town!

