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Grammar

Past simple: *be* and *can*

I can talk about the past using be *and* can.

1 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 Jason was / wasn't at school. He was on holiday.
2 Pete and Kate was / were at the theatre last night.
3 Wendy and Jo were / weren't with me. Was / Were they with you?
4 'Was / Were you at home last night?' 'Yes, I was / were.'
5 Harry was / were in Spain last summer.
6 The weather was / were really nice last weekend – warm and sunny.

2 Look at the table. Write sentences about where the people were. Use the past simple form of *be*, affirmative or negative.

Day	Freddy	Nola
Mon	London	Manchester
Tues	Cardiff	Cardiff
Wed	Bristol	London
Thur	Newcastle	Bristol
Fri	Liverpool	Liverpool
Sat and Sun	Plymouth	Nottingham

1 Freddy / Manchester / Monday
Freddy wasn't in Manchester on Monday.
2 Nola / London / Wednesday
3 Freddy and Nola / Newcastle / Tuesday
4 Freddy / Plymouth / Saturday and Sunday
5 Nola / London / Monday
6 Freddy and Nola / Liverpool / Friday

3 Where were you? Write questions and true answers.

1 at two o'clock in the morning?
Where were you at two o'clock in the morning?
I was in bed.
2 at ten o'clock yesterday morning?
3 at three o'clock yesterday afternoon?
4 at seven o'clock on Friday evening?
5 at eleven o'clock on Saturday night?

4 What could Sarah and Mike do at these ages? Look at the table and write questions and answers. Use *be* and *can*.

	Sarah	Mike
swim	age three	age four
read	age five	age three
ride a bike	age six	age six

1 Mike / swim / three? *Could Mike swim when he was three?*
No, he couldn't.
2 Sarah / swim / four?
3 Mike / read / three?
4 Sarah / read / four?
5 Mike and Sarah / ride a bike / six?

5 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct past simple form of *be* and *can* (affirmative, negative and interrogative).



Zoe Hi, Erin. Are you having a good time in Africa?
Erin Yes, I am. I phoned you on Saturday, but you [1] _____ at home. Then I tried to phone you yesterday. But I [2] _____ get a signal.
Zoe Where are you now?
Erin In Zanzibar. We arrived two days ago. Yesterday we [3] _____ at the beach. I tried surfing, but it was really difficult – I [4] _____ stand up!
Zoe [5] _____ there any sharks?
Erin No! Well, I [6] _____ see any!
Zoe [7] _____ you in Tanzania last week?
Erin Yes, we [8] _____. We climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. The view from the top [9] _____ fantastic! I [10] _____ see for miles!
Zoe Wow! That sounds amazing!

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