

Verb be: past simple affirmative and negative

1 Choose the correct words.

- The first modern Olympic Games **was** / **were** in Athens, Greece.
- Elizabeth Blackwell **was** / **were** the first woman to become a doctor.
- The first men to walk on the moon **wasn't** / **weren't** Russian.
- Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay **was** / **were** the first men to climb Mount Everest.
- Roald Amundsen **was** / **were** the first person to reach the South Pole in Antarctica.
- Tim Peake **weren't** / **wasn't** the first British astronaut to go into space.

Verb be: past simple questions and answers

2 Match the questions 1–9 to the answers a–i.

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| 1 Was the weather good on holiday? | <u>d</u> |
| 2 What was your birthday party like? | — |
| 3 Were your friends at the rugby match? | — |
| 4 Was there a school trip last month? | — |
| 5 When were you born? | — |
| 6 Was Aylén at school yesterday? | — |
| 7 Were you at football practice yesterday? | — |
| 8 Were there a lot of people at the concert? | — |
| 9 Where was Lucas this afternoon? | — |
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- a No, they weren't.
 b He was at home.
 c No, I wasn't.
~~d Yes, it was.~~
 e No, there wasn't.
 f It was fantastic.
 g In 2002.
 h Yes, there were.
 i Yes, she was.

there was / there were

3 Reorder the words to make sentences and questions.

- my / message / on / there / a / phone / wasn't
There wasn't a message on my phone.
- the / a / classroom / there / whiteboard / was / in

- town / in / were / today / many / there / people / ?

- school / weren't / trip / there / on / students / the / many

- first / a / your / was / at / school / there / computer / ?

- the / there / hotel / was / a / pool / swimming / at



Put it together

4 Tick (✓) the sentences that are true for you.

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| 1 I was born in Argentina. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 There was a good film on TV last night. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 It was fun at school yesterday. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 There were a lot of tourists in town at the weekend. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 My friends and I were noisy in class this morning. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 There was a school trip to Brazil last year. | <input type="checkbox"/> |