

Verb be: past simple affirmative and negative

- 1 Complete the text with the correct affirmative (✓) or negative (X) form of *was / were*.

Lewis Clarke ¹ wasn't (X) the first person to reach the South Pole. He ² _____ (✓) one of the first teenagers to reach the South Pole. He ³ _____ (✓) sixteen years old at the time. He ⁴ _____ (X) alone on the expedition. He ⁵ _____ (✓) with a guide. He and his guide ⁶ _____ (✓) in Antarctica for fifty days. His parents ⁷ _____ (✓) worried about him because it ⁸ _____ (✓) a very dangerous journey.

Verb be: past simple questions and answers

- 2 Write the questions and complete the answers with the correct form of *was / were*.

- the weather / good on holiday?
Was the weather good on holiday?
Yes, it was.
- what / your party like?

It _____ fun!
- your friends / in town?

No, they _____.
- when / you born?

I _____ born in 2002.
- your sister / at school?

No, she _____.
- where / Franco and Zoe this afternoon?

there was / there were

- 3 Complete the affirmative (✓) or negative (X) answers. Then write the questions. Use the correct form of *there was / there were*.

- Was there a message on your phone?
No, there wasn't a message on my phone. (X)
- _____
_____?
_____ a whiteboard in our classroom. (✓)
- _____
_____?
_____ many people in town today. (X)
- _____
_____?
_____ a computer room at my first school. (X)
- _____
_____?
_____ many students on the school trip. (X)



Put it together

- 4 Answer the questions for you.

- Where were you born?

- Was there a good film on TV last night?

- What was school like yesterday?

- Were there any tourists in town last summer?

- How many students were in your English class last year?
