Verb *be*: past simple affirmative and negative

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

Lewis Clarke [1] wasn't (✗) 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] _____ (✗) 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*.

1 the weather / good on holiday?
Was the weather good on holiday?
Yes, it was.

2 what / your party like?
_____?
It _____ fun!

3 your friends / in town?
_____?
No, they _____.

4 when / you born?
_____?
I _____ born in 2002.

5 your sister / at school?
_____?
No, she _____.

6 where / Franco and Zoe this afternoon?
_____

there was / there were

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

1 Was there a message on your phone?
No, there wasn't a message on my phone. (✗)

2 _____
_____?
_____ a whiteboard in our classroom. (✓)

3 _____
_____?
_____ many people in town today. (✗)

4 _____
_____?
_____ a computer room at my first school. (✗)

5 _____
_____?
_____ many students on the school trip. (✗)



Put it together

4 Answer the questions for you.

1 Where were you born?
_____

2 Was there a good film on TV last night?
_____

3 What was school like yesterday?
_____

4 Were there any tourists in town last summer?
_____

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