

## PAST SIMPLE: CAN -BE

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.

Write the correct answer for activity 1:

1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)

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  
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- 3 Freddy and Nola / Newcastle / Tuesday  
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- 4 Freddy / Plymouth / Saturday and Sunday  
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- 5 Nola / London / Monday  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Freddy and Nola / Liverpool / Friday  
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## Assignment n° 11

Language

2° Year Beginner

- 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

- Mike / swim / three? Could Mike swim when he was three?  
No, he couldn't.
- Sarah / swim / four? \_\_\_\_\_
- Mike / read / three? \_\_\_\_\_
- Sarah / read / four? \_\_\_\_\_
- Mike and Sarah / ride a bike / six? \_\_\_\_\_



Write the question in the first space and the answer in the second one. Don't forget to write the question mark (?)

- 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!

### REMEMBER!

We use **COULD** + VERB INFINITIVE

We use **WAS/WERE** + adjective/adverb/time/place