

Past simple: *be*

1 Complete the table with the correct past form of *be*. (and the selected time expressions)

I	<i>was</i>	in London
You	<i>were</i>	in Zurich <i>last night</i> / Tuesday / week /
He	<i>was</i>	in Paris <i>last</i> month / year.
She	<i>was</i>	in Milan yesterday.
We	<i>were</i>	in Brussels at the weekend.
They	<i>were</i>	in Moscow

Now make the sentences negative.

I wasn't in London last week.

Now make questions.

Were you in London last week?

(USE CONTRACTED FORMS WASN'T - WEREN'T)

2) Choose the correct form of the verb "be" in the past simple tense.

Example: My dog (be) was sick last night. (positive)

Example: Carlos (be, not) was not at work yesterday. (negative)

1) The party (be) _____ fun last weekend.

2) They (be) _____ watching a movie when Ernesto called. They (be, not) _____ watching TV.

3) Jessie (be) _____ tired. So, he went to sleep.

4) When she was a little girl, Margo (be) _____ very good at tennis. She practiced every day.

5) My friends and I (be) _____ studying English last night.

6) Kendra (be) _____ in my sixth grade English class. We (be) _____ good friends before she moved away.

7) The movie (be) _____ really boring. It (be, not) _____ entertaining. We stopped watching it before it was over.

8) After playing outside, my dog (be) _____ very dirty. She came into the house and ran into my room. It (be) _____ such a mess!

9) I (be, not) _____ eating a sandwich when you called. I (be) _____ eating a salad.

10) The students (be, not) _____ ready to take the test. They needed to study more.

3)

Circle the correct word.

- 1 Was / were Carl with Sara last night?
- 2 Yes, he was / were.
- 3 Was / Were they with Steve?
- 4 Yes, they was / were.
- 5 But they wasn't / weren't with Dominic.
- 6 Was / Were Rosie with them?
- 7 No, she wasn't / weren't.
- 8 Where was / were you last night?

4)

Write the regular verbs in the Past Simple (affirmative, negative or interrogative).

Example: I **loved** (love) the song.

1. John and I (dance) all day long.
2. The boys (not study) yesterday. They
(play) video games.
3. (Susan/visit) her grandparents last weekend?
4. The man (carry) the heavy parcel to the post office.
5. The man (look) at the price list and (walk)
away.
6. Mrs Brown (not photocopy) the documents and she
..... (not reserve) a table for two, but she (type)
a lot of letters and (answer) a lot of phone calls.
7. (he/arrive) on time? No, he He
..... (arrive) ten minutes late.
8. She (walk) past us and (not look) at us. She
just (ignore) us.
9. (he/wash) the car yesterday?
No, he, but he (dust) the furniture.
10. Victor (ask) a lot of questions, but Jane
(not answer) any of them.