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# There Was...There Were...

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There was, there were



Affirmative

there was + singular noun  
there were + plural noun

Negative

there was not  
there were not

Short forms

there wasn't  
there weren't

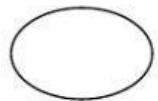
There **was** and **were** are the past simple forms of **there is** and **there are**.  
There **were** is followed by a number or **some**. There **wasn't** + uncountable noun is followed by **any**. There **wasn't** + countable noun is followed by **a, an** or a number.  
After **there weren't**, we use **any** or a number.

*There was a big park near here. There were some old cars in the museum.*

*There wasn't a bus stop outside. There weren't any computers.*

Read the sentences and choose the correct option.

- 1 There **was** / **were** a park in our town one hundred years ago.
- 2 There **was** / **were** trains one hundred years ago.
- 3 There **was** / **were** motorbikes ninety years ago.
- 4 There **was** / **were** planes fifty years ago.
- 5 There **was** / **were** a hotel in the town ten years ago.
- 6 There **was** / **were** lots of buses twenty years ago.



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Choose the correct option

1. There were horse buses 100 / 200 years ago.
2. There were some funny trains / trams 100 years ago.
3. There were scooters / skateboards 50 years ago. They were very big / small.
4. Leo's skateboard is only 5 / 2 years old.