

PAST SIMPLE

was / were

Ex. 1 Complete the sentences with **was** or **were**.

1. The story _____ about a princess and a witch.
2. My cousin and I _____ at the zoo last Friday.
3. Our teacher _____ very tired yesterday.
4. You _____ late for school last Friday.
5. We _____ lucky because we caught the train.
6. Mum and dad _____ in the theatre last night.
7. Harry _____ in London in 2008.
8. The dogs _____ in the park.
9. Sarah and Carla _____ best friends.
10. There _____ five children on the street.

Ex. 2 Put the words in the right order.

1. ill / Adam / week / was / last / ?

2. Carl / the / at / I / were / and / party / .

3. the / ? / good / was / weather

4. kids / the / all / school / were / at / .

5. Turkey / holiday / was / on / I / in / .

Ex. 3 Make questions with was or were. Use the cues.

1. _____ Carl / born / in Madrid ?
2. _____ the lunch / good ?
3. _____ you / in Los Angeles ?
4. _____ the weather / nice ?
5. _____ Liam / ill / last night ?
6. _____ Joe and Mike / on a party?
7. _____ they / in the cinema /
yesterday ?

could / couldn't

Ex. 4 Complete the following sentences using **could** or **couldn't**.

1. I _____ dress myself when I was a baby.
2. Peter _____ do his homework yesterday because he was sick.
3. I _____ watch the TV last night because I had no homework.
4. We _____ go to the beach last Saturday because it was
raining.
5. I _____ make my own lunch when I was 12 years old.
6. They _____ find the rabbit because it was hiding behind the
tree.
7. Beethoven _____ play the piano when he was 5.
8. We _____ answer all the questions in the exam because we
had studied very hard.