

## VERB TO BE – PAST

(AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE)

### Verb "TO BE"- PAST (**WAS / WERE**)

#### Affirmative

Long form	Sentence
<b>I was</b>	<b>. I was late at school.</b>
<b>You were</b>	<b>. You were a good student.</b>
<b>He was</b>	<b>. He was 10 last year.</b>
<b>She were</b>	<b>. She was good at science.</b>
<b>It was</b>	<b>. It was cold outside.</b>
<b>We were</b>	<b>. We were the best players.</b>
<b>You were</b>	<b>. You were very tall.</b>
<b>They were</b>	<b>. They were in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.</b>

#### Activity 1. Write "WAS" or "WERE"

- a.- I \_\_\_\_\_ a nice boy.                      k.- The book \_\_\_\_\_ interesting.
- b.- She \_\_\_\_\_ pretty.                      l.- The pencil \_\_\_\_\_ useful.
- c.- You \_\_\_\_\_ tall.                      m.- My cousins \_\_\_\_\_ 12 years old.
- d.- Ann \_\_\_\_\_ very fast.                      n.- The computer \_\_\_\_\_ "ON".
- e.- Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the best.                      o.- Roger \_\_\_\_\_ nervous yesterday.
- f.- The bus \_\_\_\_\_ yellow.                      p.- My cat \_\_\_\_\_ funny last night.
- g.- He \_\_\_\_\_ very funny.                      q.- My sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ happy.
- h.- The house \_\_\_\_\_ white.                      r.- My friends \_\_\_\_\_ lazy yesterday.
- i.- We \_\_\_\_\_ the champions.                      s.- Lions \_\_\_\_\_ hungry this morning.
- j.- They \_\_\_\_\_ very clever.                      t.- The movie \_\_\_\_\_ interesting.

#### Activity 2. Write in order

- 1.- was movie a It funny \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.- tired brother My was very \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.- hungry last I was night \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.- John lazy morning this was \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- the We best students were \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3. Write "WAS" or "WERE"** 

- a.- I \_\_\_\_\_ tired last night.
- b.- He \_\_\_\_\_ a very good football player.
- c.- My sister \_\_\_\_\_ one of the best students at school.
- d.- They \_\_\_\_\_ good teachers.
- e.- The cat \_\_\_\_\_ very hungry last night.
- f.- You \_\_\_\_\_ twelve years old last month.
- g.- We \_\_\_\_\_ the champions last season.
- h.- I \_\_\_\_\_ very fast in the race.

**Activity 4. Circle the correct answer** 

- a.- I \_\_\_\_\_ tired last night. It was a hard day.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
  - b.- My parents \_\_\_\_\_ happy last night.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
  - c.- The weather \_\_\_\_\_ very cold yesterday.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
  - d.- Katy and Peter \_\_\_\_\_ nervous. They had an exam.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
  - e.- Paul \_\_\_\_\_ busy yesterday.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
  - f.- These books \_\_\_\_\_ very short.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
  - g.- Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ relaxed yesterday.  
**WAS**                      **WERE**
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**Activity 5. Circle the correct sentence** 

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| 1 a.- I was at home last night.<br>b.- I were at home last night.<br>c.- I are at home last night.             | 8 a.- He was a good player.<br>b.- He were a good player.<br>c.- He are a good player.                    |
| 2 a.- My sister were 6 last year.<br>b.- My sister was 6 last year.<br>c.- My sister am 6 last year.           | 9 a.- My parents was very happy.<br>b.- My parents is very happy.<br>c.- My parents were very happy.      |
| 3 a.- We was the champions.<br>b.- We is the champions.<br>c.- We were the champions.                          | 10 a.- Paul were tired last night.<br>b.- Paul was tired last night.<br>c.- Paul are tired last night.    |
| 4 a.- She was nervous for the exam.<br>b.- She were nervous for the exam.<br>c.- She are nervous for the exam. | 11 a.- They was very fast.<br>b.- They were very fast.<br>c.- They is very fast.                          |
| 5 a.- The books were interesting.<br>b.- The books are interesting.<br>c.- The books was interesting.          | 12 a.- Kobe are the best player.<br>b.- Kobe was the best player.<br>c.- Kobe were the best player.       |
| 6 a.- The movie are really boring.<br>b.- The movie was really boring.<br>c.- The movie were really boring.    | 13 a.- My teacher were proud of me.<br>b.- My teacher are proud of me.<br>c.- My teacher was proud of me. |
| 7 a.- They were late yesterday.<br>b.- They are late yesterday.<br>c.- They was late yesterday.                | 14 a.- The computer was "OFF".<br>b.- The computer are "OFF".<br>c.- The computer were "OFF".             |

**Activity 10. Correct the mistakes** 

a.- My sister were 5 last year. This year she is 6.

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b.- I was at home tomorrow.

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c.- That book were difficult to understand.

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d.- These was my best trainers.

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**Negative**

<b>Long form</b>	<b>Short form</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
<b>I was not</b>	<b>I wasn't</b>	<b>. I wasn't very thin.</b>
<b>You were not</b>	<b>You weren't</b>	<b>. You weren't 10 years old.</b>
<b>He was not</b>	<b>He wasn't</b>	<b>. He wasn't from China.</b>
<b>She was not</b>	<b>She wasn't</b>	<b>. She wasn't a good student.</b>
<b>It was not</b>	<b>It wasn't</b>	<b>. It wasn't hot outside.</b>
<b>We were not</b>	<b>We weren't</b>	<b>. We weren't rude. We were polite.</b>
<b>You were not</b>	<b>You weren't</b>	<b>. You weren't fast. You were slow.</b>
<b>They were not</b>	<b>They weren't</b>	<b>. They weren't in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.</b>

**Activity 2. Circle the correct answer**

- a.- I \_\_\_\_\_ from Ireland. I was from Brazil.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- b.- His name \_\_\_\_\_ John. His name was Paul.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- c.- The weather \_\_\_\_\_ very hot yesterday.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- c.- Ian and Roger \_\_\_\_\_ sad yesterday. They were very happy.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- d.- My dad \_\_\_\_\_ a cook. He was a waiter.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- e.- Those cats \_\_\_\_\_ very big. They were small animals.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- f.- Robin \_\_\_\_\_ from USA. He was Irish.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T
- g.- My cousins \_\_\_\_\_ very good students.  
WASN' T                      WEREN'T

**Activity 4. Write "WASN'T" or "WEREN'T"**

- a.- She \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse. She was a doctor.
- b.- My mum \_\_\_\_\_ forty-five. She was forty-four.
- c.- You \_\_\_\_\_ tall, you were short.
- d.- The weather \_\_\_\_\_ hot yesterday. It was cold.
- e.- His eyes \_\_\_\_\_ blue. His eyes were green.
- f.- I \_\_\_\_\_ late. I was on time.
- g.- This car \_\_\_\_\_ expensive. It was cheap.
- h.- My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ from Australia. She was from Peru.
- i.- It \_\_\_\_\_ ten o'clock. It was eleven o'clock.
- j.- Ian \_\_\_\_\_ my brother. Jeremy was my brother.

**Activity 5. Write in order** 

- 1.- Yesterday at the wasn't I park \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.- boy sad wasn't The \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.- weren't We last hungry night \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.- dad happy wasn't My yesterday \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- wasn't zoo at She the \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 13. Circle the correct word** 

- a.- Sam **wasn't** / **weren't** from Barcelona. He was from Lima.
- b.- Ann and Peter **wasn't** / **weren't** ten years old. They were eleven.
- c.- I **wasn't** / **weren't** sick last night. I was at home.
- d.- The weather **wasn't** / **weren't** sunny. It was cloudy.
- e.- We **wasn't** / **weren't** at the cinema yesterday.

**Activity 17. The secret message** 

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**CORRECT INCORRECT**

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| 1.- I wasn't very happy last night.     | I | E |
| 2.- You weren't at home.                | W | S |
| 3.- She weren't nervous at school.      | F | A |
| 4.- They wasn't in the park at 10.      | V | S |
| 5.- He weren't from Portugal.           | G | N |
| 6.- We weren't the best players.        | T | P |
| 7.- It weren't sunny last week.         | U | S |
| 8.- It wasn't a nice cat.               | A | E |
| 9.- Peter wasn't very polite yesterday. | C | D |