

Test 1 Be/Can – Past Simple

1 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct past simple form of *be*.

- A Where 1 _____ you yesterday?
B I 2 _____ at home, watching TV.
A Where 3 _____ Patsy and Fred?
B I don't know! They 4 _____ with me!
A What about their dog?
B I don't know! It 6 _____ with me either!

2 Complete the sentences. Use the correct past simple form of *be* and *can*.

- 1 The test _____ very difficult. I _____ do it and I got a bad mark.
2 We _____ buy any food. All the shops _____ closed because of the holiday.
3 My granddad _____ run fast when he _____ young. Now he can't, because he's 87!
4 We _____ see the film because we _____ very far away from the screen.
5 _____ you speak English when you _____ in elementary school?

A Complete the dialogues with *was*, *were*, *wasn't* or *weren't*.

- Oscar** Hi Mia. 1 _____ you at school yesterday?
Mia No, I 2 _____. I 3 _____ at the science museum with my class.
Oscar Really? 4 _____ it interesting?
Mia No, it 5 _____ very boring. I hate science and I can't stand museums!
Lily Where 6 _____ you yesterday evening, Poppy? You 7 _____ at home.
Poppy No, I 8 _____ at the theatre. The play 9 _____ brilliant!
Lily 10 _____ there any famous people in it?
Poppy No, there 11 _____. But the actors 12 _____ really amazing.

B Complete the sentences with *couldn't* and the verbs below.

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- 1 I _____ on the bus because it was very busy.
- 2 Matilda _____ the boots because they were very expensive.
- 3 Sorry I _____ to the picnic. I was ill.
- 4 We _____ any books because the library was closed.
- 5 Imogen _____ her favourite skirt because it wasn't clean.
- 6 Harry _____ because his tooth was really painful.
- 7 My parents _____ the film because there weren't any more tickets.
- 8 Luca _____ his geography homework because it was really difficult.