

9A Past: questions

For the past of *be*, we form questions with *was/were* + subject.

- Were you a good student?*
- Was your school near your home?*
- Were the exams very difficult?*
- Was English your favorite subject?*

For the simple past, we form questions with *did* + subject + base form of the verb.

- Did you study Spanish in school?*
- Did your parents go to college?*
- Did you have toast for breakfast today?*

9.4		I / he / she / it	you / we / they
Verb <i>be</i>	?	Was the class interesting?	Were Tom and Mia in class yesterday?
	Y/N	Yes, it was . / No, it wasn't .	Yes, they were . / No, they weren't .
Other verbs	?	Did you have an English class last week?	
	Y/N	Yes, I did . / No, I didn't .	

We can put question words at the start of the question to ask for more information.

- What was your favorite subject?*
- Where did you study?*
- Who was your favorite teacher?*
- Why did you study history?*
- When did you finish college?*
- How was your vacation?*
- How many students were there in your class?*
- How much did your dictionary cost?*
- How long did you stay?*
- How far did you go?*

1 Complete the past questions with the words in parentheses.

- 1 _____ (be/it) sunny yesterday?
- 2 _____ (you/play) golf with Laura?
- 3 _____ (they/enjoy) the game?
- 4 _____ (be/Paul) good at golf?
- 5 _____ (you/like) the golf course?
- 6 _____ (be/it) busy?
- 7 _____ (be/your shoes) comfortable?
- 8 _____ (Paul/stay) with you on the weekend?

2 Write short answers to the questions in exercise 1.

- 1 Yes, _____.
- 2 Yes, _____.
- 3 Yes, _____.
- 4 No, _____.
- 5 Yes, _____.
- 6 No, _____.
- 7 No, _____.
- 8 No, _____.

3 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.



- 1 you / a / did / vacation / good / have / ?

- 2 go / did / where / you / ?

- 3 on the tour / how many / were / people / ?

- 4 the / hotels / nice / were / ?

- 5 have / did / what time / you / dinner in the hotel / ?

- 6 food / like / the / you / did / ?

- 7 stay / did / long / how / you / ?
