SIMPLE PAST TENSE USING "WAS - WERE"

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PRESENT TIME	PAST TIME
(a) I ***am*** in class ***today***. (c) Alice ***is*** at the library ***today***. (e) My friends ***are*** at home ***today***.	(b) I ***was*** in class ***yesterday***. (d) Alice ***was*** at the library ***yesterday***. (f) My friends ***were*** at home ***yesterday***.

SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF *BE*

Singular	Plural
I was	***we were***
you were (one person)	***you were*** (more than one person)
she was	***they were***
he was	
it was	

I, she, he, it + *was*

we, you, they + *were*

Directions: Change the sentences to past time.

1. Bob is in class today. → He was in class yesterday too.
2. I'm in class today. → I was in class yesterday too.
3. Mary is at the library today. → _____
4. We're in class today. → _____
5. You're busy today. → _____
6. I'm happy today. → _____
7. The classroom is hot today. → _____
8. Ann is in her office today. → _____
9. Tom is in his bedroom today. → _____
10. Ann and Tom are in their offices today. → _____
11. They are sad in class today. → _____
12. Wendy is in the garden today. → _____

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(a) I ***was not*** in class yesterday. (b) I ***wasn't*** in class yesterday.	NEGATIVE CONTRACTIONS ***was*** + ***not*** = ***wasn't*** ***were*** + ***not*** = ***weren't***
(c) They ***were not*** at home last night. (d) They ***weren't*** at home last night.	*I, she, he, it* + *wasn't* *we, you, they* + *weren't*

EXERCISE. Sentence practice.

Directions: Study the time expressions. Then complete the sentences. Use wasn't or weren't. Use a past time expression!

Present	Past
today	yesterday
this morning	yesterday morning
this afternoon	yesterday afternoon
tonight	last night
this week	last week

1. Ken is here today, but he wasn't here yesterday.
2. I'm at home tonight, but I wasn't at home last night.
3. Olga is busy today, but _____
4. Tom is at the library tonight, but _____
5. Ali and Rita are at work this afternoon, but _____
6. You're here today, but _____
7. Dr. Alex is in her office this morning, but _____
8. It's cold this week, but _____
9. Susan is in Jogja today, but _____
10. My father is in the backyard this morning, but _____
11. The students are in the laboratory today, but _____
12. The black cat is on the roof tonight, but _____

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YES/NO QUESTIONS		SHORT ANSWER + (LONG ANSWER)	
(a) ***Were*** ***you*** in class yesterday? *(be)* + (subject)	→	***Yes, I was.*** → ***No, I wasn't.***	(I was in class yesterday.) (I wasn't in class yesterday.)
(b) ***Was*** ***Carlos*** at home last night? *(be)* + (subject)	→	***Yes, he was.*** ***No, he wasn't.***	(He was at home last night.) (He wasn't at home last night.)
INFORMATION QUESTIONS		**SHORT ANSWER + (LONG ANSWER)**	
(c) ***Where*** ***were*** ***you*** yesterday? *Where* + *(be)* + (subject)	→	***In class.***	(I was in class yesterday.)
(d) ***Where*** ***was*** ***Jennifer*** last night? *Where* + *(be)* + (subject)	→	***At home.***	(She was at home last night.)

Exercise . Question Practice.

Directions: Make questions and give short answers.

1. (you / at home / last night)

   A: Were you at home last night?

   B: No, I wasn't.

2. (Mr Yamamoto / absent from class / yesterday)

   A: _____?

   B: Yes, _____

3. (Oscar and Anya / at home / last night)

   A: _____?

   B: Yes, _____

4. (you / nervous / the first day of class)

   A: _____?

   B: No, _____

5. (Ahmed / at the library / last night)

   A: _____?

   B: No, _____

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6. (Mr. Shin / in class / yesterday)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

7. (you and your family / in Canada / last year)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

A: Where _____?

B: In Ireland.

8. (you / be / at the library / right now)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

A: Where _____?

B: In class.

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