

## Mini-test: Was - Were

1) Read the text about Albert Einstein and choose **WAS / WERE**.

A cartoon illustration of Albert Einstein with his signature wild hair and glasses. He is standing in front of a chalkboard, pointing with his right hand. The chalkboard has mathematical equations written on it:  $E=mc^2$  at the top,  $\sqrt{x/3}$  in the middle, and  $R$  at the bottom right. The background shows a simple room with a window.

When Albert Einstein [was/were] young, his parents worried about him. Einstein's parents [was/were] concerned that Albert was "slow." Albert [was/were] a terrible student who didn't want to attend classes regularly and take exams. Einstein's best-known work, the theory of relativity, [was/were] published in 1905. Unfortunately, the theory of relativity [was/were] used to create the atomic bomb.

2) Complete the following sentences with **WAS / WERE / WASN'T / WEREN'T**.

- He \_\_\_\_\_ at home yesterday. He didn't go out.
- It was raining yesterday. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**not**) outside.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ you at 7 o'clock yesterday?
- John and Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (**not**) at the cinema. I didn't see them.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ at school yesterday. We had Science lessons.

WAS / WASN'T → SINGULAR  
WERE / WEREN'T → PLURAL

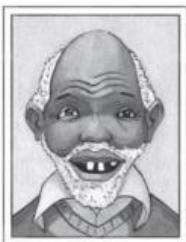
3) Choose the best option.

When Kimani WAS / WERE seven there were no free schools.

Kimani WAS / WERE a cowherd. He WEREN'T / WASN'T at school.

He was always working. In 2003, there was a new law in Kenya –

free education for everyone. Kimani WAS / WERE about 84 years old. His grandchildren WAS / WERE in his class. He WERE / WAS the oldest primary pupil in the world.



4) Listen to the podcast and choose the correct option.

1. Brian and Roger **were** / **weren't** members of another band before Queen.
2. Freddie's real name **was** / **wasn't** Farrokh.
3. Freddie Mercury **was** / **wasn't** from London.
4. Some of Freddie's favorite artists **were** / **weren't** The Beatles, David Bowie and Led Zeppelin.
5. Barcelona **was** / **wasn't** one of Mercury's great songs as solo artist.