

### STRUCTURES



Subject + was/were + complement + time expression  
I was at school in the morning.



Subject + was/were + **not** + complement + time expression  
He was not in the park. / He wasn't in the park.



Was/were + subject + complement + time expression + ?

Were you in Japan?

Was she on vacation?

No, I wasn't.

Yes, she was.

What was the weather like?

How long were you away?

It was great.

I was away for two weeks.

### GRAMMAR NOTES

- Use **WAS** with I, he, she, and it.
- Use **WERE** with You, we, and they.
- Use contractions especially with short negative answers.

was not = wasn't  
were not = weren't

# Grammar

## Past of Be

A. Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ your cousins in Europe?  
B: They \_\_\_\_\_ there for six weeks.  
A: \_\_\_\_\_ they in London the whole time?  
B: No, they \_\_\_\_\_. They also went to France.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you in New York last weekend?  
B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ in San Francisco.  
A: How \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
B: It \_\_\_\_\_ great! But it \_\_\_\_\_ foggy and cool as usual.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you away last week?  
B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ in Istanbul.  
A: Really? How long \_\_\_\_\_ you there?  
B: For almost a week. I \_\_\_\_\_ there on business.

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