

# Il Past Simple



## 16.1 IL PAST SIMPLE DEL VERBO BE

forma affermativa		forma negativa	
soggetto	verbo	soggetto	verbo + not
I	was	I	was not / wasn't
you	were	you	were not / weren't
he / she / it	was	he / she / it	was not / wasn't
we	were	we	were not / weren't
you	were	you	were not / weren't
they	were	they	were not / weren't

  

forma interrogativa		risposta breve	
verbo	soggetto	soggetto	verbo (+ not)
Was	I?	Yes, No,	I was / wasn't.
Were	you?		you were / weren't.
Was	he / she / it?		he / she / it was / wasn't.
Were	we?		we were / weren't.
Were	you?		you were / weren't.
Were	they?		they were / weren't.

My uncle **was** a vet in Devon. Mio zio *faceva il veterinario* nel Devon.

Danielle **wasn't** at work last week. La scorsa settimana Danielle *non era al lavoro*.

Were the shops open yesterday? Ieri i negozi *erano aperti*?

– Were you at the party on Sunday? – No, I **wasn't**. I was ill.

– Eri alla festa domenica? – No. *Ero malato*.

 Per chiedere e dire il luogo e la data di nascita in inglese si usa il *Past Simple* di *to be born* (essere nato).

– Where **were** you **born**? – I **was born** in Athens. (non: I'm **born** in Athens.)

– Dove sei **nato**? – Sono **nato** ad Atene.

– When **was** Shakespeare **born**? – In 1564.

– Quando è **nato** Shakespeare? – Nel 1564.

What was the weather like in Edinburgh?



**1 FORMA AFFERMATIVA** Completa le frasi con *was* o *were*.

It was very hot last summer.

1. There ..... a bingo hall just round the corner.
2. – Where ..... you? – I ..... in my room.
3. – Why ..... she annoyed?  
– Because they ..... late.
4. My favourite series ..... on TV last night.
5. I ..... always good at foreign languages.
6. Who ..... at the cinema on Saturday?
7. You ..... very rude to Mr Saunders!
8. ..... Mr Jones and Mr Smith at the meeting?

**2 FORMA NEGATIVA E INTERROGATIVA** Volgi le frasi alla forma negativa e interrogativa.

The movie was good. **The movie wasn't good. / Was the movie good?**

1. The children were thirsty after the walk.
2. You were nervous before the exam.
3. I was right.
4. The windows were closed.
5. There was a fire engine in front of the supermarket.
6. We were naughty as kids.
7. Frank was in a hurry yesterday.
8. My favourite subject at school was P.E.

**3 RISPOSTE BREVI** Associa a ogni domanda la risposta breve e il completamento corrispondenti.

Was Mr Parker a good teacher?	<b>a</b>	<b>A</b>
1. Were you born abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Were the Smiths your next door neighbours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Were you in Paris in 2013?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Were there a lot of things to do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Was there much time for sightseeing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Was the food good at Marino's?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a. Yes, he was.      A. He was an excellent teacher  
 b. No, it wasn't.      B. People weren't enthusiastic about the food.  
 c. No, there wasn't.      C. The Bolts were our next door neighbours.  
 d. No, they weren't.      D. I was in Paris in 2014.  
 e. Oh yes, there were.      E. I was born in Mexico.  
 f. No, I wasn't.      F. There was little time for sightseeing.  
 g. Yes, I was.      G. There was something to do every day.

**4 TUTTE LE FORME** Completa le frasi con il *Past Simple* del verbo *be*.

ANN Hi Pam. You (0) ..... weren't ..... at home last week. Where (00) ..... were ..... you both?

PAM We went to Ireland for a short holiday.

ANN How nice! What (1) ..... the weather like?

PAM It (2) ..... dreadful. Rain and wind, and more rain and wind.

ANN What a pity! What did you do?

PAM We went for walks, but when all our shoes and all our clothes (3) ..... wet, we had to stay in the hotel.

ANN (4) ..... there any nice people staying there?

PAM That (5) ..... another problem. There (6) ..... hordes of noisy children.

ANN Well, (7) ..... you glad to get home?

PAM Oh yes, I (8) .....

**5 TUTTE LE FORME** Traduci le frasi sul quaderno.

Quando era a scuola, Paul era bravo in matematica. **When he was at school, Paul was good at maths.**

1. Ieri sera c'è stato un temporale e i bambini erano spaventati.
2. – L'assassino era il maggiordomo? – No, i suoi figli erano gli assassini.
3. Avevo sete ma il tè era troppo freddo.
4. – Come stavano i tuoi nonni? – Stavano bene, grazie.
5. Sabato scorso sono stata alla conferenza. C'era anche Mike.
6. – Quando è nato Charles Dickens? – Nel 1812.