Unit 17 Past Simple: The Verb *Be*

Grammar Quiz

A Choose the correct answers.

1. Jake _____ tired last night.
   ⓐ is ⓑ was ⓒ were
2. My grandparents _____ teachers 20 years ago.
   ⓐ are ⓑ was ⓒ were
3. Mark and I _____ in the same class last year.
   ⓐ are ⓑ was ⓒ were
4. My shoes _____ dirty after the hiking trip yesterday.
   ⓐ are ⓑ was ⓒ were
5. The singer _____ famous a long time ago.
   ⓐ is ⓑ was ⓒ were
6. I _____ a shy boy before.
   ⓐ am ⓑ was ⓒ were

B Look at the underlined words and choose the wrong sentences.

1. ⓐ I <u>was</u> a painter before.
   ⓑ They <u>were</u> sad yesterday evening.
   ⓒ It <u>was</u> cold yesterday.
   ⓓ We <u>were</u> his fans now.

2. ⓐ Julie <u>were</u> in the backyard 10 minutes ago.
   ⓑ My father <u>was</u> happy with his present last night.
   ⓒ The men <u>were</u> soldiers two years ago.
   ⓓ My sister <u>was</u> in New Zealand last winter.

3. ⓐ <u>Were</u> you friends last year?
   ⓑ The team <u>wasn't</u> our rival in 2010.
   ⓒ The tests <u>wasn't</u> difficult yesterday.
   ⓓ <u>Was</u> it raining an hour ago?

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Grammar Practice

A **Circle the correct words.**

1. I (was / were) nervous yesterday.
2. The children (was / were) happy yesterday evening.
3. It (wasn't / weren't) foggy this morning.
4. The girl (wasn't / weren't) quiet before.
5. He (was / were) in the kitchen in the morning.
6. Nick and Mary (wasn't / weren't) in Canada six years ago.

B **Complete the dialogues.**

1. (A) _____ Tom sick last week? (B) Yes, _____.
2. (A) _____ you rich five years ago? (B) No, _____.
3. (A) _____ she a good girl before? (B) Yes, _____.
4. (A) _____ your teachers nice last year? (B) Yes, _____.
5. (A) _____ he absent from class yesterday? (B) No, _____.
6. (A) _____ they good players in 2009? (B) No, _____.

Writing Practice

Complete the sentences in the past simple.

1. You are very loud. _____ yesterday.
2. The interview is fun. _____ last week.
3. The soldier is brave. _____ last year.
4. They aren't baseball fans. _____ before.
5. I'm not interested in art. _____ two years ago.
6. Katie isn't at the library. _____ an hour ago.

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