

COMPETENCY / SKILL: LISTENING AND SPEAKING (Simple Past Tense Review)

# WAS- WERE

I	<b>was</b>	
You	<b>were</b>	
He	<b>was</b>	
She	<b>was</b>	busy.
It	<b>was</b>	
We	<b>were</b>	
They	<b>were</b>	

I	<b>wasn't</b>	
You	<b>weren't</b>	
He	<b>wasn't</b>	
She	<b>wasn't</b>	busy.
It	<b>wasn't</b>	
We	<b>weren't</b>	
They	<b>weren't</b>	



wasn't = was not

weren't = were not

<b>Was</b>	I	
<b>Were</b>	you	
<b>Was</b>	he	
<b>Was</b>	she	busy?
<b>Was</b>	it	
<b>Were</b>	we	
<b>Were</b>	they	

Yes,		No,	
I	<b>was.</b>	I	<b>wasn't.</b>
you	<b>were.</b>	you	<b>weren't.</b>
he	<b>was.</b>	he	<b>wasn't.</b>
she	<b>was.</b>	she	<b>wasn't.</b>
it	<b>was.</b>	it	<b>wasn't.</b>
we	<b>were.</b>	we	<b>weren't.</b>
they	<b>were.</b>	they	<b>weren't.</b>

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Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you at home yesterday? B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ really happy after they won the football game.
3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ a college student last year.
4. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ on the train at three-thirty yesterday afternoon.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer tired after she finished work? B: No, she \_\_\_\_\_.
6. My car broke down, so I \_\_\_\_\_ late for my appointment.
7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ Laura and Susan surprised? B: No, they \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The cookies \_\_\_\_\_ delicious, so I ate three of them.
9. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you at the library yesterday? B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Many dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_ really huge.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1996. When \_\_\_\_\_ you born?
12. The movie we saw last night \_\_\_\_\_ very funny.
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ a waiter last year, but I changed my job in September.
14. My favorite program \_\_\_\_\_ on TV at eight o'clock last night.
15. My classmates \_\_\_\_\_ in class. They were outside.





## Exercise 1

# practice

**INSTRUCTIONS.** Read, listen and practice the following four conversations with a classmate (target grammar structure “Verb To Be in Past Tense”).



### Conversation 1

**Man:** How was the movie?

**Woman:** It was really good.

**Man:** Was it scary?

**Woman:** Yes, it was really scary.

**Man:** Nice. Was it crowded?

**Woman:** No, it wasn't. There weren't many people there, surprisingly.



### Conversation 2



**Man:** Where were you last night?

**Woman:** I was at work.

**Man:** Really? I was at your shop. You weren't there.

**Woman:** No, I was in the back working.

**Man:** You were?

**Woman:** Really! I was there.





### Conversation 3



**Man:** How was the test?

**Woman:** It was really hard.

**Man:** How long was it?

**Woman:** There were about 20 problems.

**Man:** Yeah? What was your score?

**Woman:** Let's just say, it wasn't great, but it wasn't bad either.



### Conversation 4



**Man:** Do you know who was at the party?

**Woman:** Jason was there. So was Sue.

**Man:** Oh, were Tom and Katie there?

**Woman:** No, they weren't there, but their son was.

**Man:** Oh, I see. So, was it fun?

**Woman:** Yeah, it was a fun evening.

## Speaking Section



# GRAMMAR DISCUSSION

## BE VERB: Past

Student 'A'

- *Discuss the questions below with your partner.*

1. **Were** you late for class today?
2. **Were** you hungry this morning?
3. **Were** you a beautiful baby?
4. **Were** you born in another city or country?
5. **Was** your mother a doctor?
6. Where **were** you at seven o'clock last night?
7. **Were** all of your classmates on time today?
8. **Were** you angry last week?
9. **Were** you awake before six o'clock this morning?
10. Finish this sentence: "Yesterday, I **was** ... because ...."



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## BE VERB: Past

Student 'B'

- *Discuss the questions below with your partner.*

1. **Were** you tired this morning?
2. **Were** you busy yesterday?
3. **Were** you a good elementary school student?
4. **Were** you at home last Friday night?
5. **Was** your father a policeman?
6. Where **were** you at seven o'clock this morning?
7. **Were** you happy yesterday?
8. **Were** you asleep before ten o'clock last night?
9. **Were** you at school one hour ago?
10. Finish this sentence: "Yesterday, I **wasn't** ... because ...."



# SIMPLE PAST TENSE

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### A Simple past simple gap-fill story with questions

Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at the gift shop. He \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to buy a present for his wife. He \_\_\_\_\_ (know, neg.) what to buy, so he \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) the lady at the shop for an idea. She \_\_\_\_\_ (say) she \_\_\_\_\_ (know, neg.) his wife and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask for) some details about her. Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her his wife's age and hobbies. He \_\_\_\_\_ (mention) she \_\_\_\_\_ (like) flowers. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) a set of a brooch and a necklace, with a beautiful peach pink flower in the middle. Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the set and \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to decide if his wife would like it. The lady, who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the seller, \_\_\_\_\_ (add) that the set \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on sale with 25% off (discount). Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (think) a bit and \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to buy it. He \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) the lady to wrap it as a present, in a gift wrap. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ (do) so and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the counter. Ted \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) by credit card, \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a receipt, \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the wrapped box and \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the shop. He \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) down the street and he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) happy. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a wonderful gift for his wife.



### Answer the questions:

1. Who was at a gift shop? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why was he there? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the lady? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did she know Ted's wife? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did the lady offer? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did Ted like what the lady offered? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How much was the discount? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How did Ted pay? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How was the set packed? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How was Ted when he left the shop? \_\_\_\_\_



## Exercise 2

**INSTRUCTIONS.** Read, listen, and practice the following four conversations using the target grammar structure "Simple Past Tense".

### Conversation 1



**Man:** What did you do yesterday?

**Woman:** Nothing much. I just stayed at home and cleaned the house.

**Man:** How boring!

**Woman:** Yeah, it was. And you? What did you do?

**Man:** I drove to the mountains and went hiking.

**Woman:** That sounds fun!

**Man:** It was. I had a great time.



## Conversation 2

**Man:** Did you do anything this weekend?

**Woman:** I did. I took the train to the city and met my friend.

**Man:** Oh, yeah? What did you do?

**Woman:** We had lunch and did some shopping.

**Man:** Did you buy anything?

**Woman:** No, I didn't. I just went window shopping. I'm trying to save money.

**Man:** Me too!



## Conversation 3

**Man:** How was your day?

**Woman:** Terrible. I was so busy.

**Man:** Oh, that's too bad.

**Woman:** Yeah, we were so busy at lunch. One person called in sick, so we were short-staffed.

**Man:** That's no good. How did you manage?

**Woman:** The boss came in and helped us.



## Conversation 4

**Man:** Did you talk to Bob?

**Woman:** I did. He said he was sorry.

**Man:** What did he say?

**Woman:** He said he didn't mean to get mad at you.

**Man:** Well, he did. He made me cry.

**Woman:** I know. But he is really sorry about it.





# Past Simple Questions

## practice

### Speaking Section



- ✚ Look at the 6 pictures above. Describe what these people did yesterday.
- ✚ When did you last go on a vacation? Where did you go and what did you do?
- ✚ Where did you last go shopping? What things did you buy there?
- ✚ When did you last do something exciting or dangerous? What did you do?
- ✚ What did you do on your last birthday? Did you get any gifts? Who gave them to you?
- ✚ When did you last go to the cinema? What movie did you see? Was it good?
- ✚ Which subjects did you enjoy the most when you were in primary school?
- ✚ When was the last time you ate pizza? What kinds of toppings were on it?
- ✚ Where did you live before you live where you are now? Was it a better place?
- ✚ What was the most interesting thing that happened to you last year?
- ✚ When was the last time you lost something? What was it and where did you lose it?
- ✚ How did you travel the last time you went a long way from home? Where did you go?
- ✚ Who is the last person that you went out to dinner at a restaurant with?
- ✚ What was your favorite toy when you were a child? Why did you like it?
- ✚ What was the last book that you read? How long did it take you to read it?
- ✚ When was the last time you went hiking or camping? Where did you go?
- ✚ Where did you spend most of your time last weekend? Who were you with?
- ✚ Did you do any exercise yesterday? What kind of exercise did you do?