

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

WAS- WERE

I	was	
You	were	
He	was	
She	was	busy.
It	was	
We	were	
They	were	

I	wasn't	
You	weren't	
He	wasn't	
She	wasn't	busy.
It	wasn't	
We	weren't	
They	weren't	



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

Was	I	
Were	you	
Was	he	
Was	she	busy?
Was	it	
Were	we	
Were	they	

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

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practice



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"



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?