Unit 5 Present vs. Past Simple: The Verb *Be*

Grammar Quiz

A Choose the correct answers.

1. The exam _____ easy, but Melanie did well.
   ⓐ wasn't ⓑ weren't ⓒ aren't
2. A diamond _____ a kind of stone.
   ⓐ am ⓑ is ⓒ are
3. Are your classmates kind to you? – Yes, _____.
   ⓐ he is ⓑ we are ⓒ they are
4. The shirts _____ expensive. They cost $37 each.
   ⓐ am ⓑ is ⓒ are
5. You _____ taller than Natalie last year.
   ⓐ are ⓑ was ⓒ were
6. _____ Mr. Warner a middle school teacher 10 years ago?
   ⓐ Is ⓑ Was ⓒ Were

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

1. ⓐ You <u>are</u> very honest and brave.
   ⓑ She <u>is</u> sick in the hospital last year.
   ⓒ I <u>was</u> hungry two hours ago.
   ⓓ Those students <u>are</u> good at math.

2. ⓐ The park <u>isn't</u> far from my house.
   ⓑ The noodles <u>aren't</u> salty this time.
   ⓒ The apples in the store <u>wasn't</u> fresh.
   ⓓ She <u>wasn't</u> interested in studying music.

3. ⓐ <u>Were</u> the paints in the cabinet?
   ⓑ <u>Was</u> she in the living room now?
   ⓒ <u>Are</u> they afraid of ghosts?
   ⓓ <u>Were</u> you nervous before the exam?

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Grammar Practice

A **Choose and complete the sentences.**

am are isn't wasn't were weren't

1. _____ they in the cafeteria now?
2. I _____ two years older than my brother.
3. They _____ photographers, but they took many photos.
4. Logan _____ at the office now. He left 10 minutes ago.
5. I _____ at the movies yesterday. I was at the museum.
6. The candies _____ on the table five minutes ago.

B **Complete the sentences using the verb *be*.**

1. They _____ away on vacation now. They will come back next week.
2. It _____ very cold today. Let's play outside.
3. John and Zoe _____ at the park. They stayed at home.
4. My grandpa _____ a journalist 30 years ago. He is retired now.
5. (A) _____ the book a birthday present for you? (B) Yes, it was.
6. (A) _____ the sneakers on sale now? (B) No, they aren't.

Writing Practice

Write the sentences in the past simple or present simple.

1. _____ → We are in middle school.
2. _____ → Is he good at dancing?
3. _____ → My parents aren't at work.
4. Ms. Clinton was my English teacher. → _____
5. Were the kids in the gym? → _____
6. I wasn't interested in the news. → _____

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