

2.2 Birthday customs



Let's learn

❖ Use of English

Past Simple: The Verb Be

- We use the past simple to talk about what happened in the past.
- The verb **be** has two past forms: **was** and **were**.
- We often use the past simple with these words: yesterday, last week, last year, etc.

Positive		Negative	
Subject	Be	Subject	Be + Not
I	was	I	was not (= wasn't)
He/She/It	was	He/She/It	was not (= wasn't)
We/You/They	were	We/You/They	were not (= weren't)



I **was** sick last night.



Mary **was** busy last week.



It **was** cloudy yesterday.
It **wasn't** rainy.



They **were** at the cinema last night.
They **weren't** at home.



Let's practice

1 Match the subjects with the verb "to be".

0. You	•	1. She	•
2. He	•	3. We	•
4. I	•	5. It	•
6. They	•	7. The boys	•

was
were

2 Circle the correct words.

0. We (are / were) late yesterday.	2. The weather (was / were) nice.
1. I (am / was) angry yesterday.	4. They (was / were) expensive.
3. He (is / was) at home yesterday.	6. You (was / were) at school.
5. She (is / was) sick yesterday.	8. Tom (was / were) sleepy.

3 Change and complete the sentences in the PAST SIMPLE.

0. I'm very tired today.	→ I was very tired yesterday.
1. Greg isn't busy today.	→ Greg wasn't busy yesterday.
2. It is wet and cold today.	→ It was wet and cold yesterday.
3. They aren't happy today.	→ They weren't happy yesterday.
4. We are in the library today.	→ We were in the library yesterday.

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Past simple: Question

- To make Yes/ No questions, we put the verb **did / was / were** **before the subject.**
- To make wh- questions, we put question words at the beginning of sentences.

		Question		Answer	
Yes/No Question		Were you	sick?	Yes, I was .	No, I wasn't .
		Was he		Yes, he was .	No, he wasn't .
Wh-question	Where	were you last night?		I was at home .	
	Who	was the boy next to you?		He was my cousin .	

		Question		Answer	
Yes/No Question		Did you	dance?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
	What	did you	eat for lunch?	I ate a pie for lunch.	
Wh-question	Where	did he	eat lunch?	He ate lunch in the cafeteria .	
	When	did they	eat lunch?	They ate lunch at noon .	



Did you go camping yesterday?

- Yes, I **did**.

Did you go with your friends?

- No, I **didn't**.

Was she at home yesterday?

- Yes, she **was**.

Were they happy at the party?

- No, they **weren't**.



Let's practice

1 Tick the correct boxes.

0. Did you see Tony today?

Past

Present

1. When do you read books?

2. Did Susan finish her homework?

3. What did the boy eat?

4. Does Mark play soccer?

2 Circle the correct words.

0. (Do / Did) you watch the movie on TV last night?

1. Did the player (miss / missed) the shot?

2. Did Ms. White (live / lives) in Los Angeles?

3. Did they (come / came) to the meeting?

4. (Do / Did) he work at a pet shop last year?

3 Complete the dialogues in the PAST SIMPLE.

0. you / see	<i>Did you see</i>	A: Tony yesterday?	B: Yes, <i>I did.</i>
1. the girls / go		A: home?	B: No,
2. Nicole / finish		A: her homework?	B: Yes,
3. you / read		A: this book?	B: No,

4 Complete the questions in the PAST SIMPLE using was and were.

Answer the questions.

0. Suzie / at home / yesterday morning

Was Suzie at home yesterday morning ? No, she wasn't.

1. Zoe and Vicky / at the shops / yesterday afternoon

..... ?

2. Pete / at Dave's house / last night

..... ?

3. Brian and Dave / at the supermarket / yesterday morning

..... ?

4. Claire and Ann / at the park / yesterday afternoon

..... ?

5. Adam / at home / last night

..... ?

5 Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

0. Do you play soccer yesterday?

Did you play soccer yesterday?
→

1. Did she goes to the mall?

→

2. Did Andy bought his new shoes?

→

3. Did the boy sent you letters?

→

6 Complete the chart.

Yes / No question		
Was Sally	busy?	Yes, <u>she was</u> . No, <u>she wasn't</u> .
_____ they		Yes, _____. No, _____.
_____ he		Yes, _____. No, _____.

7 Complete the chart.

Yes / No question		
<u>Did</u> you		Yes, <u>I did</u> . No, <u>I didn't</u> .
_____ they	see me?	Yes, _____. No, _____.
_____ Jake		Yes, _____. No, _____.