

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE: WAS/WERE

1 A Match emails 1–3 with replies a)–c).

1 c 2 3

1
Hi Larissa,
Sorry you weren't at my birthday lunch yesterday.
The weather was beautiful so lunch was in the garden.
Where were you?
Mark

2
Hi George,
Where were you and Maria yesterday? It was my birthday lunch,
at Mum and Dad's house. Remember?
Mark

3
Hi Diana,
I was really happy that you and Alan were at my
birthday lunch yesterday. It was great to see you and
the children.
Mark

a)
Mark,
So sorry. We were in Spain on holiday, but we're home now.
Happy 30th birthday!

b)
Hi Mark,
Thank you for the party. It was really nice. Your parents are lovely
people, and their garden is lovely, too!

c)
Happy birthday one day late! Sorry, I was in London on business.
Let's meet soon!

B Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 Mark / Was / twenty?

Was Mark twenty?

2 house? / Mark's / the / lunch / Was / at

lunch? / the / Was / Diana / at

4 the / and / children / Alan's / at / Were / lunch / Diana?

5 France? / George / Maria / in / Were / and

6 weather / the / Was / good?

C Write short answers to the
questions in Exercise 2A.

1 No, he wasn't.

2

3

4

5

6

D Look at the answers and write the
questions. Use the underlined words
to help.

1 Where was the lunch?

The lunch was at Mark's parents'
house.

2
Mark's birthday was yesterday.

3
Mark was thirty.

4
George and Maria were in Spain.

5
The lunch was in the garden
because it was good weather.

2 Write the sentences about Mark's
party last year. Use the information
in brackets.

1 It's my thirtieth birthday. (29th)
Last year it was my 29th birthday.

2 We're here. (not here)
Last year .

3 My wife's in London on business.
(Tokyo on business)
Last year .

4 Larissa's parents aren't here. (not
here)
Last year .

5 George and Maria are in Spain.
(Greece)
Last year .

6 It's a small party. (big)
Last year .

7 The weather's beautiful. (terrible)
Last year .

8 Lunch is in the garden. (in the
house)
Last year .