

Extra grammar practice

Topics

- Past simple of to be;
- There was/ There were;
- Past simple affirmative – regular verbs;
- Past simple affirmative – irregular verbs

Exercise 1. Circle the correct alternative.

1. 'Was / Were the match interesting?'
'No, it was / wasn't boring. The players were / weren't very good.'
2. 'Who was/were the rugby player Jonah Lomu?'
'For many people, he wasn't/weren't only a champion. He was/wasn't a hero.'
3. 'Who was/were the winners of last year's school sports competition?'
'I wasn't/weren't one of the winners. I don't know who won – they was / were in another class.'
4. 'Was/Were the referee fair?'
5. 'Yes, he was / wasn't. I think all his decisions were/weren't correct.'

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with there was/there were in the affirmative (+) or negative (–) form.

1. _____ a positive atmosphere in the team. (+)
2. _____ any cyclists on the road on Sunday. (–)
3. _____ a prize for the winner. (–)
4. _____ two gold medals on the wall. (+)
5. _____ a famous ex-footballer on TV last night. (+)
6. _____ a solution to the problem. (–)

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs given.

1. It was cold last night, so we _____ at home and _____ a film on TV. (stay, watch)
2. The weather _____ suddenly, and it to _____ snow. (change, start)
3. They _____ to have a short break because they were tired and _____ to rest. (decide, need)
4. The other kids _____ video games in their free time, but he _____ classical music. (play, love)
5. A tourist _____ a policeman and _____ for directions. (stop, ask)
6. He _____ hard all day and then he _____ home to rest. (work, go)