

## Grammar Station



## Past Simple (The Verb Be): Positive &amp; Negative

- ★ We use the **past simple** to talk about something that 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    |                            |                      |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| I           | <b>was</b>                 | a teacher last year. |
| He/She/It   | <b>was</b>                 | in London last week. |
| We/You/They | <b>were</b>                | sick yesterday.      |
| Negative    |                            |                      |
| I           | <b>was not (=wasn't)</b>   | a teacher last year. |
| He/She/It   | <b>was not (=wasn't)</b>   | in London last week. |
| We/You/They | <b>were not (=weren't)</b> | sick yesterday.      |



There **was** a big storm last night.  
I **was** very scared.



Bob **wasn't** the captain of our team.  
Dave **was** the captain.

## ★ Check the correct sentences.

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|---|--|
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wasn't at home last night. | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not at home last night. |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> It was hot last week.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> It is hot last week.        |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> We are tired yesterday.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> We were tired yesterday.    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> He wasn't tall last year.               | <input type="checkbox"/> He weren't tall last year.  |


**A Circle the correct words.**

1. I ( was / were ) at the beach.
2. She ( was / were ) on the swing.
3. The lady ( was / were ) quiet.
4. It ( was / were ) foggy yesterday.
5. You ( was / were ) weak last year.
6. The show ( was / were ) fun.
7. My clothes ( was / were ) wet.
8. The plants ( was / were ) small.

**B Complete the sentences with *wasn't* or *weren't*.**

1. The tower wasn't big.
2. The cowboys \_\_\_\_\_ scared.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ a basketball player.
4. Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ thin last year.
5. My shoes \_\_\_\_\_ on the shelf.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ angry this morning.
7. There \_\_\_\_\_ a bakery here.
8. It \_\_\_\_\_ dark in the room.

**C Complete the sentences.**

- |    | before  | now   |   |
|----|---|---|---|
| 1. |  |  | Ken's parents <u>were</u> in Paris last week.<br>They _____ very busy there.<br>They _____ in Rome now. |
| 2. |  |  | My sister _____ sick yesterday.<br>She _____ in bed all day.<br>She _____ all right now.                |
| 3. |  |  | Tim and I _____ under the tree at noon.<br>We _____ not bored.<br>We _____ in the tent now.             |

## A Complete the sentences in the past simple.



sunny / cloudy



big / small



boring / fun



huge / small

1. It was sunny this morning. It wasn't cloudy.
2. My glasses \_\_\_\_\_ before. They \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The magic show \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_.
4. This dinosaur \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_.

## B Complete the sentences.

|    | Past                                  | Present                       |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | <u>Joe was</u> at the birthday party. | Joe is at the birthday party. |
| 2. | _____ many people.                    | There aren't many people.     |
| 3. | _____ hungry.                         | Joe isn't hungry.             |
| 4. | Lynn's cats were under the table.     | _____ under the table.        |
| 5. | Simon was sick yesterday.             | Simon _____ today.            |

## C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. Eric not was tired yesterday. → Eric was not tired yesterday.
2. They wasn't busy last week. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. We was not in Canada last month. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. I were in my room after lunch. → \_\_\_\_\_
5. You was at the beach yesterday. → \_\_\_\_\_



## Complete the report in the past simple.



### DINOSAURS BECAME EXTINCT

We can see many dinosaurs in movies. Some dinosaurs were really huge and some \_\_\_\_\_ small. T. rex \_\_\_\_\_ a meat-eating giant. It \_\_\_\_\_ very fierce. Brachiosaurus and Diplodocus \_\_\_\_\_ big and tall, but they \_\_\_\_\_ meat-eating dinosaurs. They were \_\_\_\_\_ plant eaters. There are no dinosaurs today. We can just see their bones in natural history museums. We only know they \_\_\_\_\_ here on Earth a long time ago. They went extinct millions of years ago! What \_\_\_\_\_ the reason? Nobody knows for sure!



T. rex



Brachiosaurus



Diplodocus



## Complete the chart.

| Positive  |                              | Negative |                                 |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| I         | <u>was</u> tired last night. | She      | <u>was not</u> happy yesterday. |
| He        |                              | Her dad  | (= <u>wasn't</u> )              |
| My aunt   |                              | Ken      | _____ at home at 7:00.          |
| The actor | _____ busy yesterday.        | The boy  | (= _____)                       |
| We        |                              | You      | _____ in Sydney last year.      |
| They      | _____ sleepy then.           | They     | (= _____)                       |