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## Was he sick last night?

## Grammar Station



## Past Simple (The Verb Be): Questions

- To make yes/no questions, we put the verb **was** or **were** before the subject.
- To make wh-questions, we put the question words **where** or **who** at the beginning of sentences.

		Question		Answer	
Yes/No Question		Was I	sick?	Yes, you <b>were</b> .	No, you <b>weren't</b> .
		Were you		Yes, I <b>was</b> .	No, I <b>wasn't</b> .
		Was he		Yes, he <b>was</b> .	No, he <b>wasn't</b> .
		Were they		Yes, they <b>were</b> .	No, they <b>weren't</b> .
Wh-question	Where	were you last night? was he this morning?		I was <b>at home</b> . He was <b>at the library</b> .	
	Who	was the boy next to you? were the girls with Dave?		He was <b>my cousin</b> . They were <b>his classmates</b> .	



Was Mark at the library after school?  
– No, he **wasn't**.



Where were you after school?  
– I was **on the playground**.

Match the questions with the correct answers.

1. Was Laura busy last week?	•	• No, we weren't.
2. Were you and Joe classmates?	•	• He was at camp.
3. Who were the tall men?	•	• Yes, she was.
4. Where was Fred yesterday?	•	• They were models.

**A** Circle the correct words.

1. Was  
Were  
you tired yesterday?

2. Was  
Were  
it hot last week?

3. Was  
Were  
he at home at 6:00?

4. Was  
Were  
she sick last night?

5. Was  
Were  
Tony and Cindy scared?

6. Was  
Were  
the books fun?

**B** Complete the dialogues in the past simple.

1. A Was Billy at your birthday party? B No, he wasn't.

2. A Was you busy yesterday? B Yes,                   

3. A Was Larry at home this morning? B No,                   .

4. A Was the boys hungry? B No,                   .

5. A Was the story interesting? B Yes,                   .

**C** Complete the dialogues in the past simple using *where* or *who*.


1. A Where were you after lunch? B I was in the music room.

2. A Who was the boy with glasses? B I was my younger brother.

3. A Who were the women? B I were famous singers.

4. A Who was Angela? B I was in the backyard.

**A** Complete the questions in the past simple.

1.	shorter	A <u>Were you shorter</u> last year?	B Yes, I was.
2.	in the hospital	A <u>Was he in the hospital</u> last week?	B No, he wasn't.
3.	cloudy	A <u>Was it cloudy</u> this morning?	B Yes, it was.
4.	tired	A <u>Were they tired</u> yesterday?	B No, they weren't.
5.	best friends	A <u>Were we best friends</u> last year?	B Yes, we were.

**B** Choose and complete the answers in the past simple.

in the laundry basket  
in a cafe

in the swimming pool  
my classmate



1. A Who was the boy next to you? B He was my classmate last year.

2. A Where were your parents? B They \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A Where were your sneakers? B They \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A Where was Nick this morning? B He \_\_\_\_\_.

 **Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.**

1. Where was your puppies? ➔ Where were your puppies?
2. Who were the girl in the pink shoes? ➔
3. Was the books mine? ➔
4. Were there an old tree in this town? ➔

## Grammar in Writing



When you write a detective story, you can use the past simple to talk about something that happened in the past.

### ★ Complete the detective story in the past simple.

Mr. Poirot is a famous detective in Agatha Christie's mysteries. He investigates crimes and finds clues. He is interviewing a suspect now.

Mr. Higglins, where were you last night at 11:30?  
\_\_\_\_\_ at a cafe in Greenwich.  
\_\_\_\_\_ alone there?  
No, \_\_\_\_\_. I was with two people.  
Who \_\_\_\_\_ they?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. and Mrs. Johns.  
Are they your friends?  
No, they aren't. They \_\_\_\_\_ with me  
for an interview. I'm a writer for a magazine.  
Okay, sir. Thank you for your time.

### Review!

#### • Complete the chart.

Yes/No Question		Wh-question
Was Sally	busy?	Yes, <u>she was</u> . No, <u>she wasn't</u> .
_____ they		Yes, _____. No, _____. _____ the boys?
_____ he		Yes, _____. No, _____. - They were my cousins.
		_____ your umbrella?
		_____ the table.
		- It was under the table.