

## 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.

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|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 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 \_\_\_\_\_ you busy yesterday? B Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ Larry at home this morning? B No, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ the boys hungry? B No, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the boy with glasses? B \_\_\_\_\_ my younger brother.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ the women? B \_\_\_\_\_ famous singers.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ Angela? B \_\_\_\_\_ in the backyard.

## A Complete the questions in the past simple.

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

## C 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> .	_____ the boys?
		No, <u>she wasn't</u> .	- They were my cousins.
_____ they		Yes, _____.	
		No, _____.	
_____ he		Yes, _____.	_____ your umbrella?
		No, _____.	- It was under the table.