PAST SIMPLE

Choose the correct words.

A Where was / were you yesterday afternoon?

B Oh, I was / were at the library.

A No, you wasn't / weren't. The library wasn't / weren't open. Was / Were you at the shopping centre?

B No! I wasn't / weren't at the shopping centre.

OK, I was / were with Xiana and we was / were at the café. Why? Was / Were there a party or something?

A No, it was / were the football match. We wasn't / weren't very good. Thanks to you, there was / were only ten players in our team!

Complete the sentences. Write was, were, wasn't or weren't.

1. There _____ a football match yesterday.
2. There _____ any sandwiches at the café.
3. There _____ a science class yesterday.
4. There _____ snacks in the kitchen.
5. There _____ any juice.
6. There _____ lots of people in town on Saturday.



Write affirmative and negative sentences. Use the correct form of was or were.

They (students / not teachers)

They were students. They weren't teachers.

1. This book (interesting / it not boring)
2. They (Japanese / not American)
3. We (in the café / not at school)
4. Tweetie (a bird / he not a parrot)

Write questions with was or were.

1. where / you / yesterday / ?
2. they / at the cinema / ?
3. who / your / favourite actor / ?
4. she / a maths teacher / ?
5. when / they / born / ?
6. he / famous / in the 1940s?

Complete the text with could or couldn't.

1. When I was young, I _____ play the guitar: it was too difficult for me!
2. In 1950, people _____ use mobile phones.
3. Mozart _____ play the piano when he was 5.
4. Peter _____ play tennis last Monday: he had broken his arm.
5. _____ you swim when you were 10?
6. I read the book three times but I _____ understand it.
7. My friends and I _____ swim when we were eight.
8. I _____ lift this box – it was too heavy!
9. John didn't need a calculator. He _____ do very difficult sums in his head.

Complete the text with was, were, wasn't or weren't.

It was Friday evening. My brother and I _____ in his bedroom. My parents _____ at work so they _____ (not) at home. My brother _____ bored. I _____ (not) pleased because my favourite sports programme _____ (not) on TV. Then there _____ a noise. My friends, Jack and Nick, _____ at the door with three DVDs and a huge pizza! The DVDs _____ horror films and the pizza _____ fantastic. What a great surprise!



LIVEWORKSHEETS

Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

1. We listen to music.
2. I don't like animals.
3. The chameleon changes colour.
4. You travel by car.
5. Fabio doesn't stay here.
6. They don't watch TV.
7. I call my dog Rico.
8. Maria go to school
9. You see the bank robbery.
10. We don't make our beds this morning.

Make questions. Then write the short answers.

1. go / your friends / Did / on Saturday / to the cinema? (✓)
2. new shoes / you / buy / Did / yesterday / ? (X)
3. you and your family / to France / Did / drive / ? (✓)
4. Mount Vesuvius / erupt / last year / Did / ? (X)
5. last night / Did / do / your homework / you / ? (✓)
6. you / yesterday? / watch / Did / TV (X)
7. finish / the / today? / festival / Did (✓)
8. I.T. / children / 1980? / study / in / Did (✓)
9. year? / meet / you / Did / last / we (X)
10. you / Did / much / sleep / night? / last (✓)

Complete the sentences with the past simple.

1. We (not watch) TV. We listened to CDs.
2. Computers (not exist) 200 years ago.
3. My grandmother loves Italy. She (travel) there a lot when she was young.
4. The concert started at half past seven and (not finish) until ten o'clock.
5. I (not study) much yesterday. I was very tired.
6. I (look) for you at the party yesterday evening.
7. He (not use) your phone. He used my phone.
8. They (cook) dinner for me. It was very good.
9. We (not explore) a lot of the city today.
10. She (dance) all night at the disco.
11. Manga comics (become) popular in Europe in the 1990s.
12. I (eat) a large lunch, so I'm not hungry now.

Complete the story with the verbs in the past simple.

We (have) a great day at the beach yesterday. Some people (swim) in the sea and others (play) football on the beach. I (go) surfing for the first time. I (have) a great time but I (fall) into the water a lot.

My sister (make) sandcastles and my parents (sunbathe).

It (be) hot, so we (buy) some ice cream. We (stay) there until early evening. We (not want) to leave.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text. Then write true (T) or false (F). Correct the false sentences

ALEXANDRA BURKE

Alexandra Burke was born in London in 1988, and she started singing when she was only five. She first appeared on stage in Bahrain at the age of nine. She sang with her mother, who was also a professional singer. Alexandra enjoyed singing on stage and she wanted to become a singer.

She left school when she was sixteen and started a professional career in music. She worked very hard, and she also performed in some big concerts to raise money for charity.

She first entered the TV talent competition The X Factor in 2005. She didn't win because the judges thought that she was too young to be a successful pop star. But they said that she was a great singer, so Alexandra entered the competition again in 2008. This time she won! Her first song, 'Hallelujah', was number one in Britain for three weeks, and more than a million people bought it. Once again, The X Factor had found a star, and, like Will Young and Leona Lewis, who were also winners of this competition, Alexandra Burke became famous!

1. Alexandra Burke was born in London.
2. She first sang on stage when she was five.
3. Another family relative was also a singer.
4. She didn't go to school when she was seventeen.
5. She didn't win the 2005 X Factor competition because she wasn't very good.
6. She was the X Factor winner in 2008.



What have Alexandra Burke, Leona Lewis and Will Young got in common? Complete the sentence

They all

Listen to Matt and Anna talking about their first schools.

1. What are Matt and Anna mainly talking about?

   a. typical days at their first schools
   b. their first days at school
   c. what they liked about their first schools
   d. their first school teachers

2. What does Anna say about her first school?

   a. It was in a big city.
   b. There were about 80 children at the school.
   c. There was only one school in her town.
   d. There were 800 children in her school year.



3. The story that Anna's teacher read was

   a scary. b boring. c funny. d sad.

4. How did Matt feel when he started school?

   a upset b lonely c lucky d excited

5. What does Matt say about his first school?

   a. It was small.
   b. There were 100 children in his school year.
   c. Students couldn't eat sweets at school.
   d. It was in a town.

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