

**LANGUAGE FOCUS . there was, there were . was, were****there was, there were**

1 Complete the examples from the text on page 64. Then circle the correct words in the rules (page 65)

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ an eleven-hour-forty-minute match.  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ any gold medals.

**Rules**

- 1 We use *there was* and *there wasn't* with **singular / plural** nouns.  
 2 We use *there were* and *there weren't* with **singular / plural** nouns.

2 Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were* (page 65)

there was

there wasn't

there were

there weren't

**THE FIRST MARATHON**

2,500 years ago 1) \_\_\_\_\_ a war between Greece and Persia and  
 2) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of battles. 3) \_\_\_\_\_ a big battle  
 in a place called Marathon, which the Greeks won\*. This was important news, but  
 4) \_\_\_\_\_ any internet and 5) \_\_\_\_\_ no  
 telephones. So a man called Pheidippides ran\* to Athens with news of the battle. He ran  
 about forty-one kilometres. 6) \_\_\_\_\_ any good roads, so it was a  
 difficult journey. When he arrived in Athens, he died.

\*win=past of win \*ran=past of run

3. Write the correct answers. (page 65)

there was

there wasn't

there were

there weren't

- 1 2,500 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ any rich footballers.  
 2 2,500 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ many chariot races.  
 3 2,500 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ a country called Persia.  
 4 2,500 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ a sport called skateboarding.  
 5 2,500 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ many messengers.  
 6 2,500 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ any roads.



**LIVEWORKSHEETS**

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4. Write eight sentences about your country 100 years ago. Use the words in the box.  
(page 66)

there was / wasn't many  
there were / weren't a lot of  
some / any  
a / an

Eg There weren't many cars.

1

2

3

4

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6

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Read the sentences you have written above and imagine the situation in your country 100 years ago. Illustrate it in your drawing below.