

1 Look at the examples.
Positive

I **was** at my sister's wedding.

We **were** at a barbecue near the beach.

All the bands **were** fantastic.

Negative

The weather **wasn't** great.

You **weren't** in class.

Questions and short answers

Where **were** you last night?

How **was** the food?

Were you at the football match? Yes, I **was**.

Was it fun? No, it **wasn't**.

Now choose the correct words in the box to complete the rules about the past simple of *be*.

- 1 We use _____ with *I/he/she/it*.
- 2 We use _____ with *you/we/they*.
- 3 We add _____ to *was/were* to make negative sentences.
- 4 We put _____ / _____ before the subject to make questions.

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2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 My school lunch *was / were* nice yesterday.

2 My brothers *was / were* late home this evening.

3 That TV programme *wasn't / weren't* very good!

4 We *wasn't / weren't* too tired after our walk.

5 What *was / were* the time when you got home?

6 How many people *was / were* on the trip?

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.


1 All my friends *was* here on Saturday.

2 I like your new shoes! Are they expensive?

3 Yesterday I *were* at a friend's house.

4 That is an awesome party last night!

4 Complete the conversation with *was / wasn't, were / weren't*.

Suzy: Hi, Max. Where ⁰ were you yesterday afternoon? You ¹ _____ at school.

Max: Oh hi Suzy. No, I ² _____. I ³ _____ at a big athletics competition at the city sports club.

Suzy: Really? ⁴ _____ it fun?

Max: Yes, it ⁵ _____. It ⁶ _____ amazing! I ⁷ _____ the winner of the 800 m race!

Suzy: Fantastic! ⁸ _____ your parents there?

Max: No, they ⁹ _____. They ¹⁰ _____ at work. But my brother ¹¹ _____ there with his video camera, so it ¹² _____ fine!

6 Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then answer them.

1 _____ your dinner like last night?

2 _____ your friend late this morning?

3 _____ you in this class last year?

4 _____ your last haircut?

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