

# Lesson 4A

GRAMMAR | past simple of *be*: *was, were*

VOCABULARY | time phrases (1) and dates

PRONUNCIATION | weak and strong sounds: *was, were*

## VOCABULARY

### time phrases (1) and dates

1 A Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

1 We were in Brussels \_\_\_\_\_ morning.

a last                      b yesterday                      c ago

2 Our last class was \_\_\_\_\_ May 3rd.

a at                      b on                      c in

3 She was here ten minutes \_\_\_\_\_.

a ago                      b yesterday                      c last

4 \_\_\_\_\_ this exercise, check your answers.

a After                      b On                      c Last

5 I was at home \_\_\_\_\_ night.

a on                      b in                      c last

6 We always go on holiday \_\_\_\_\_ the summer.

a on                      b last                      c in

B 4.01 | Complete the conversation with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

after ago in last on yesterday

A: Hi, Ania. Where were you <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ night?

B: Oh, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon was busy at work. And two days <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I was in Paris. So I was really tired.

A: No problem. But let's meet soon. We need to do something for your birthday! How about <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow's class?

B: I can't, sorry. What about Saturday, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon?

A: OK. Maybe we can have birthday cake at Mason's?

B: Good idea! I love that restaurant. But my birthday was a week <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, ...

A: Oh, really? Sorry! So it was <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday?

B: Yes. That's why I was in Paris <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ weekend.

A: Ah, I see! Well, we can have a late birthday lunch <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday. No problem!

C Put the letters in brackets in the correct order to make time phrases and dates.

Do you need any help with your presentation on Monday?

Monday? I thought it was on the <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (deosnc) of <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sugAut)?

No, it's 31 <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (luJy). That's Monday. But I can help you with it tonight.

Thanks - it's my <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (strif) presentation.

Have you got the information you need?

No, I've only got the information for <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (raJuany) to <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (liprA).

## GRAMMAR

### past simple of *be*: *was, were*

2 A The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

1 Tamara and John aren't at work yesterday.

a was                      b wasn't                      c weren't

2 Alice is at home last night.

a was                      b were                      c weren't

3 Was you on holiday last month?

a Were                      b Wasn't                      c Weren't

4 We weren't at our friend's house last weekend. It was great.

a was                      b were                      c wasn't

B Complete the sentences and questions with one word in each gap.

1 Where \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday?

2 James \_\_\_\_\_ very happy as a child.

3 When \_\_\_\_\_ the first World Cup?

4 Mark and Sylvie \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday last week. It was really nice for them.

5 A: \_\_\_\_\_ you in class yesterday?

B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

6 When \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Zuckerberg born?

7 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ born in Germany. They \_\_\_\_\_ born in Poland.

8 Sandrine \_\_\_\_\_ at home last night. She \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema.

9 Where \_\_\_\_\_ the first Olympics?

10 The 2016 Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ in London. They \_\_\_\_\_ in Rio de Janeiro.

C Choose the correct words to complete the fact file.

### Surprising facts: HISTORY

- The first photographic cameras <sup>1</sup>was / were around in the 18th century, and they <sup>2</sup>was / were very slow. Sometimes it <sup>3</sup>was / were thirty minutes to take a photo!
- The Olympic games are only sports these days, but they <sup>4</sup>were / weren't always like that. From 1912 to 1948, there <sup>5</sup>was / were prizes for art, too.
- Most people think Cleopatra was Egyptian, but she <sup>6</sup>wasn't / weren't. She <sup>7</sup>was / were born in Egypt, but her family <sup>8</sup>were / weren't Greek.
- Many people think the Model T Ford <sup>9</sup>was / were the first car, but it wasn't. It <sup>10</sup>was / were Carl Benz's design from 1879.

## PRONUNCIATION

**3A** **4.02** | weak and strong sounds: *was, were* | Listen to the statements and questions. Are the words in bold strong (S) or weak (W) forms?

- 1 She **wasn't** born in 2000.
- 2 **Were** they at home last night?
- 3 Yes, they **were**.
- 4 Where **were** you in 2020?
- 5 No, he **wasn't**. He **was** with Andy.
- 6 We **were** very happy with our hotel.

**B** **4.02** | Listen again and repeat.

## LISTENING

**4A** **4.03** | Listen to two people discussing an article. What decade(s) is/are the article about?

- 1 the 2000s
- 2 the 2010s
- 3 the 2000s and the 2010s

**B** **4.03** | Listen again and match the events (1–6) with the years in the box.

2000   2004   2008   2011   2012   2014

- 1 Obama wins the US election \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 the start of Facebook \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 seven billion people in the world \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Malala Yousafzai wins the Nobel Peace Prize \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 the first camera phones in the shops \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 a robot takes a selfie on Mars \_\_\_\_\_

**C** **4.03** | Complete the extracts with *was* or *were*. Then listen again and check.

- 1 Can you remember when it \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2 That \_\_\_\_\_ 2006, I think.
- 3 No, it \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_ back in 2004!
- 4 There \_\_\_\_\_ seven billion of something in 2011.
- 5 Do you know what they \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 I think they \_\_\_\_\_ around in 2005.
- 7 There \_\_\_\_\_ an important selfie in the news in 2012.
- 8 It \_\_\_\_\_ from Mars. It \_\_\_\_\_ a NASA robot!



## WRITING

**write about a special time; use time phrases**

**5A** Read the online post. Choose the correct option to complete the title.

- 1 driving test
- 2 driving lesson
- 3 car

### My first \_\_\_\_\_

I remember it well. It was eight years ago, in the summer. I was in my final year at school. I was in the car outside my house with the teacher, and I remember my parents were at the window in the house. I was very happy at the time because my dream was to drive a car. The lesson was great! An hour later I was home again. My teacher was very nice, because it wasn't easy to drive for the first time. In the evening I was tired, but also happy.



**B** Read the post again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The driving lesson was in the summer.
- 2 The writer was in the car.
- 3 The writer's parents were in the car.
- 4 The lesson was thirty minutes.
- 5 The writer was happy.
- 6 The writer didn't like the teacher.
- 7 It was difficult to drive for the first time.
- 8 The writer was tired the next morning.

**C** Find and underline four time phrases in the online post.

**6A** Choose one of these 'firsts' to write about.

- first day at school
- first driving lesson
- first flat/house
- first holiday

**B** Make notes to answer these questions.

- 1 When was it?
- 2 Where was it?
- 3 Who was there?
- 4 Were you happy?
- 5 What was one good or bad thing about it?

**C** Write your online post in 80–100 words. Use time phrases in your post.