

# 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 <sup>3</sup> ..... (luly). 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 were 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.

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## 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

3 A 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                    **3** the 2000s and the 2010s  
**2** 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.