

7A GRAMMAR past simple of *be*: *was* / *were*

a Complete with *was* / *wasn't* or *were* / *weren't* to make true sentences.



- 1 Edward VIII wasn't King for very long.
- 2 Julius Caesar _____ the first Roman emperor.
- 3 Tchaikovsky _____ the composer of *Swan Lake*.
- 4 The Vikings _____ from Germany.
- 5 Helena Bonham Carter _____ in the Harry Potter films.
- 6 Roald Dahl _____ a famous British musician.
- 7 The 2010 football World Cup _____ in South Africa.
- 8 Brad Pitt _____ married to Jennifer Aniston.
- 9 Socrates and Plato _____ Brazilian footballers.
- 10 Pablo Picasso _____ Spanish.
- 11 Beethoven _____ a Swiss composer.
- 12 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin _____ the first men to walk on the Moon.
- 13 Hilary Clinton _____ President of the USA in the 1990s.
- 14 The Incas _____ from Mexico.
- 15 Marco Polo _____ born in Italy.
- 16 The Beatles _____ from Liverpool.
- 17 Vincent van Gogh and Leonardo da Vinci _____ famous German painters.
- 18 William Wallace (*Braveheart*) _____ from Ireland.
- 19 The last Olympic Games in Asia _____ in Beijing in 2008.
- 20 The Wall Street Crash _____ in 1939.



a Complete the dialogues in the past tense. Use the verbs in brackets.

1 **Annie** ¹*Did you study* French at university? (study)

Beth No, I ²_____ French, I ³_____ Italian. I ⁴_____ in Rome for six months in my third year. (not study, study, live)

Annie Where ⁵_____ you _____ in Rome? (live)

Beth Near the Forum. I ⁶_____ a house with some Italian students. (rent)

Annie ⁷_____ you _____ in Italian all the time? (talk)

Beth Not always, because they ⁸_____ to practise their English. But I ⁹_____ to cook great pasta! (want, learn)



2 **Alan** ¹⁰_____ you _____ Brazil? (like)

Ben We ¹¹_____ it! We ¹²_____ to come home. (love, not want)

Alan ¹³_____ you _____ around the country? (travel)

Ben We ¹⁴_____ much because we were only there for two weeks. (not travel)

Alan ¹⁵_____ you _____ in hotels? (stay)

Ben No, we ¹⁶_____. We stayed with Brazilian friends.



3 **Dave** ¹⁷_____ you _____ the match? Arsenal and Real Madrid? (watch)

Carl No, I ¹⁸_____.

Dave Why not?

Carl I ¹⁹_____ late last night. I ²⁰_____ until 7.00. (work, not finish)

Dave But the match ²¹_____ at 7.45. (start)

Carl Yes, but I ²²_____ my train. I ²³_____ home until 9.30. (miss, not arrive)

Dave What a pity! It was a fantastic match.



- a Complete the story with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



My memorable night at the Edinburgh Festival by Lotte

This happened in my first summer when I was at Edinburgh University. I lived in a room in a big house with three friends. That summer some musicians rented two other rooms in our house. It ¹ was (be) August and the Edinburgh Music and Arts Festival was on. The musicians ² _____ (be) from Poland, Italy, and the Netherlands. One afternoon they ³ _____ (tell) me about a Latin music club. My friends and I ⁴ _____ (say) that we wanted to go with them. We ⁵ _____ (meet) them at the club that evening at 9.00 p.m. It ⁶ _____ (have) a really friendly atmosphere and the music ⁷ _____ (be) fantastic! Our new friends ⁸ _____ (speak) English very well and we ⁹ _____ (spend) the evening dancing and chatting. When we ¹⁰ _____ (leave) the club, we ¹¹ _____ (find) that we ¹² _____ (not have) the money for a taxi home. It ¹³ _____ (be) a warm night, so we walked home through the streets. The musicians ¹⁴ _____ (see) the historic buildings and monuments for the first time, and they ¹⁵ _____ (think) that they ¹⁶ _____ (be) really beautiful. We ¹⁷ _____ (get) home at 4.00 a.m., but we ¹⁸ _____ (not go) to bed. We ¹⁹ _____ (make) some coffee and chatted. Then our friends played their guitars and we ²⁰ _____ (sing) songs that we all ²¹ _____ (know). It ²² _____ (be) a wonderful, memorable evening and, ten years later, we are still friends.

- b Complete these questions about the story.

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| 1 Which month <u>was the Edinburgh Festival</u> in? | It was in August. |
| 2 Where _____ from? | They were from Poland, Italy, and the Netherlands. |
| 3 What _____ Lotte about? | They told her about a Latin music club. |
| 4 What time _____ at the club? | They met at 9.00 p.m. |
| 5 _____ good? | Yes, it was fantastic. |
| 6 What _____ at the club? | They danced and chatted all evening. |
| 7 Why _____ a taxi home? | Because they didn't have enough money. |
| 8 What _____ for the first time? | They saw Edinburgh's historic buildings and monuments. |
| 9 _____ when they got home? | No, they made coffee and chatted. |
| 10 What _____ after that? | They played their guitars and sang. |