GRAMMAR Past simple: *be*

1 Look at the examples from the recording.

⊕	⊖	?	Short answers
I was late. It was fantastic! We were really excited. They were really friendly.	Paolo wasn't there. We weren't late.	Were you tired? Was the music good? Where were you?	Yes, we were. Yes, it was.

Now answer the questions.

Are Paolo, Rosa and Joelle talking about *last night* or *every night*?
Do we use *was* and *were* to talk about *now* or *the past*?

GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

UNIT 19 PAST SIMPLE: *BE*

positive ⊕	negative ⊖
I / He / She / It was happy.	I / He / She / It wasn't happy.
We / You / They were excited.	We / You / They weren't excited.
questions ?	**short answers**
Was I / he / she / it friendly?	Yes, I / he / she / it was. No, I / he / she / it wasn't.
Were we / you / they late?	Yes, we / you / they were. No, we / you / they weren't.

We use *was* and *were* to talk about the past:
*I **was** late home and my dinner **was** cold.*
*My mum **wasn't** very happy.*
*Jane and Isaac **weren't** at home last night.*
*They **were** at a concert.*

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Practice

1 **Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.**

0 Were you at the cinema last night?
No, I *wasn't* .
1 Where _____ you on Saturday night?
2 Is Meg OK? She _____ at school yesterday.
3 I'm sure my homework _____ on the table, but now I can't find it!
4 What _____ your favourite film when you were young?
5 Martha did well in the maths test. The questions _____ very difficult.
6 Your mum and I _____ on holiday in Turkey in this photo.
7 Was Helen at the station the other day?
Yes, she _____.
8 Were your parents with you at the concert?
No, they _____!

2 **Complete the conversation with *was* / *wasn't* and *were* / *weren't*.**

Anna: Hi, George! Where [1] _____ you yesterday? You [2] _____ at school!
George: I know. I [3] _____ in London. I [4] _____ at a concert.
Anna: A concert! Lucky you. Who [5] _____ the band?
George: Coldplay – it's my favourite band.
Anna: Great. Where [6] _____ the concert?
George: It [7] _____ at Wembley Stadium.
Anna: [8] _____ they good?
George: Yes, they [9] _____. They [10] _____ excellent. My sister [11] _____ really happy too!
Anna: Oh [12] _____ she with you?
George: Yes, we [13] _____ at the front!
Anna: [14] _____ it a long concert?
George: Yes, it [15] _____ about two hours. We [16] _____ really tired at the end.

2 **Look at the examples. Complete the table with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* and *weren't*.**

	I / he / she / it was / wasn't		you / we / they were / weren't	
⊕	1 I _____ happy. 2 She _____ tall.		10 You _____ late. 11 They _____ good.	
⊖	3 I _____ tired. 4 It _____ in my bag.		12 You _____ at school. 13 We _____ cold.	
?	5 _____ she nice? 6 _____ it interesting? 7 Where _____ it?	8 Yes, she _____. 9 No, it _____.	14 _____ they good? 15 _____ you bored? 16 Where _____ your friends?	17 Yes, they _____. 18 No, we _____.

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3 Correct the sentences. Use *was*, *wasn't*, *were* and *weren't*.

0 Paolo, Joelle and Rosa were at the concert last week.

They weren't at the concert last week. They were at the concert last night.

1 Rosa was late for the bus.

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2 The bus was very fast.

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3 The concert was at nine o'clock.

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4 It was easy to take a photo of the band.

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5 Paolo, Joelle and Rosa were tired before the concert.

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PRONUNCIATION | *was*

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A: *Where were you on Saturday afternoon?*
B: *I was at a birthday party.*
A: *Was it fun?*
B: *Yes, it was.*

4 Write five questions. Begin *Where were you …?* Use the words below or your ideas. Then ask and answer with your partner.

Where were you on Monday evening?
I was at my dance class. It was a lot of fun.

yesterday / last night / last week / last Sunday in the morning / on Monday / on Friday afternoon / on 1st June

picnic dance class tennis lesson a maths test at home

boring difficult easy exciting fantastic fun interesting loud

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