

PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB **TO BE**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE	SHORT ANSWERS
I was	I was not (I wasn't)	Was I...?	Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
You were	You were not (You weren't)	Were you...?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
He was	He was not (He wasn't)	Was he...?	Yes, he was. / No, he wasn't.
She was	She was not (She wasn't)	Was she...?	Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.
It was	It was not (It wasn't)	Was it...?	Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.
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You were	You were not (You weren't)	Were you...?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
They were	They were not (They weren't)	Were they...?	Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

A) Complete the sentences using **was** or **were**.

- I _____ very tired after work yesterday.
- We _____ in Dublin last summer.
- Karen _____ ill when we visited her.
- It _____ rainy last weekend.
- Steve and Ella _____ at the beach yesterday.
- I _____ never late for school.
- The muffins _____ delicious.
- The soup _____ tasty.
- That man _____ in prison some years ago.
- You _____ such a cute baby.
- It _____ 8 pm when I got home.
- My dog _____ very energetic.
- Her shoes _____ too small for her.
- The exam _____ a bit difficult.
- Mr Smith _____ off work last week.

C) Ask questions using **was** or **were**.

- _____ the bakery open last Sunday?
- _____ you at the cinema yesterday?
- _____ Helen at the dentist two days ago?
- _____ the girls on time for the dance class?
- _____ the receptionist helpful?
- _____ your parents on holidays last week?
- _____ Peter ashamed of what he did?
- _____ the French test easy or difficult?
- _____ you born in July?
- _____ your daughter fond of tennis?
- _____ The Smiths your neighbours?
- Where _____ they last night?
- Why _____ you so tired?
- _____ Michael a drummer?
- _____ Bob and Fiona at the wedding?

B) Complete the sentences using **wasn't** or **weren't**.

- It _____ windy at the beach.
- I _____ at the office yesterday.
- The earrings _____ expensive.
- Mrs Shorten _____ my favourite teacher.
- It _____ an easy task.
- The children _____ very cooperative.
- Oliver _____ interested in the talk.
- I _____ born yesterday, you know!
- My parents _____ very happy about it.
- His car papers _____ in order.
- Cindy _____ dressed for the occasion.
- They said it _____ true.
- The waiter _____ very friendly to us.
- Liz _____ in love with Russell.
- The boys _____ in the pub yesterday evening.

D) Put the words in the correct order.

- born / . / was / Sarah / October / in

- were / they / holidays / in / on / . / Greece

- not / it / was / . / rainy / spring / last

- was / ? / where / sister / yesterday / your

- ? / why / you / so / sleepy / were

- worried / . / Lucy / was / the / about / exam

- not / . / was / Alex / very / in / attentive / class

- ? / you / were / yesterday / morning / where

E) Answer the questions using short answers.

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| 1. Were the kids quiet? | No, _____ |
| 2. Was the restaurant open? | Yes, _____ |
| 3. Were you a shy girl? | Yes, _____ |
| 4. Were you and Tim tired after the trip? | Yes, _____ |
| 5. Was Mrs Potter a good boss? | Yes, _____ |
| 6. Was it snowy last winter? | No, _____ |
| 7. Was your grandfather bald? | Yes, _____ |