

2. Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.  
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there was

there wasn't

there were

there weren't

## THE FIRST MARATHON

2,500 years ago 1) \_\_\_\_\_ a war between Greece and Persia and  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of battles. 3) \_\_\_\_\_ a big battle  
in a place called Marathon, which the Greeks won\*. This was important news, but  
4) \_\_\_\_\_ any internet and 5) \_\_\_\_\_ no  
telephones. So a man called Pheidippides ran\* to Athens with news of the battle. He ran  
about forty-one kilometres. 6) \_\_\_\_\_ any good roads, so it was a  
difficult journey. When he arrived in Athens, he died.

\*won=past of win \*ran = past of run