

Name: _____

We use **there was** and **there were** for the past.

Affirmative

There was a party last night.

Negative

There wasn't a party last night.

Question

Was there a party last night?

was → singular / uncountable nouns
were → plural nouns



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

3. Write the correct answers. (page 65)

there was

there wasn't

there were

there weren't

1 2,500 years ago, _____ any rich footballers.

2 2,500 years ago, _____ many chariot races.

3 2,500 years ago, _____ a country called Persia.

4 2,500 years ago, _____ a sport called skateboarding.

5 2,500 years ago, _____ many messengers.

6 2,500 years ago, _____ any iPads.

