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Grammar

Past simple: *be* and *can*

I can talk about the past using *be* and *can*.

1 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- Jason was / wasn't at school. He was on holiday.
- Pete and Kate was / were at the theatre last night.
- Wendy and Jo were / weren't with me. Was / Were they with you?
- Was / Were you at home last night? 'Yes, I was / were'
- Harry was / were in Spain last summer.
- The weather was / were really nice last weekend – warm and sunny.

2 Look at the table. Write sentences about where the people were. Use the past simple form of *be*, affirmative or negative.

Day	Freddy	Nola
Mon	London	Manchester
Tues	Cardiff	Cardiff
Wed	Bristol	London
Thur	Newcastle	Bristol
Fri	Liverpool	Liverpool
Sat and Sun	Plymouth	Nottingham

- Freddy / Manchester / Monday
Freddy wasn't in Manchester on Monday.
- Nola / London / Wednesday

- Freddy and Nola / Newcastle / Tuesday

- Freddy / Plymouth / Saturday and Sunday

- Nola / London / Monday

- Freddy and Nola / Liverpool / Friday

3 Where were you? Write questions and true answers.

- at two o'clock in the morning?
Where were you at two o'clock in the morning?
I was in bed.
- at ten o'clock yesterday morning?

- at three o'clock yesterday afternoon?

- at seven o'clock on Friday evening?

- at eleven o'clock on Saturday night?

4 What could Sarah and Mike do at these ages? Look at the table and write questions and answers. Use *be* and *can*.

	Sarah	Mike
swim	age three	age four
read	age five	age three
ride a bike	age six	age six

- Mike / swim / three? Could Mike swim when he was three?
No, he couldn't.
- Sarah / swim / four? _____

- Mike / read / three? _____

- Sarah / read / four? _____

- Mike and Sarah / ride a bike / six? _____

5 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct past simple form of *be* and *can* (affirmative, negative and interrogative).



- Zoe Hi, Erin. Are you having a good time in Africa?
- Erin Yes, I am. I phoned you on Saturday, but you ¹ _____ at home. Then I tried to phone you yesterday. But I ² _____ get a signal.
- Zoe Where are you now?
- Erin In Zanzibar. We arrived two days ago. Yesterday we ³ _____ at the beach. I tried surfing, but it was really difficult – I ⁴ _____ stand up!
- Zoe ⁵ _____ there any sharks?
- Erin No! Well, I ⁶ _____ see any!
- Zoe ⁷ _____ you in Tanzania last week?
- Erin Yes, we ⁸ _____. We climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. The view from the top ⁹ _____ fantastic! I ¹⁰ _____ see for miles!
- Zoe Wow! That sounds amazing!