

Past form of Verb "To Be "

A) Fill in the blanks. Use WAS / WERE:

1. Mary and Susan **were** ill yesterday.
2. The weather very hot last Saturday.
3. The students at the theater last night.
4. Betty in Germany last summer.
5. My brother and I at the football stadium on Saturday.
6. it cold yesterday?

B) Put these sentences into the PAST. Use "was", "wasn't", "were", "weren't":

T O D A Y

Example: I'm at home.

1. Jane and Michael are tired.
2. She's in the park.
3. It's a sunny day.
4. You're late.
5. They aren't hungry.
6. We aren't at work.
7. I'm thirsty.
8. You aren't at school.
9. We're at the cinema.
10. Paula isn't happy.
11. Everyone is excited.
12. I'm not afraid.

Y E S T E R D A Y

I was at home.

C) Choose the correct option for each sentence:

1. He **was** / **were** a policeman.
2. We **was** / **were** very happy.
3. **Was** / **Were** you happy?
4. They **wasn't** / **weren't** interested in.
5. I **was** / **were** at school.
6. It **wasn't** / **weren't** expensive.
7. **Was** / **Were** she your teacher?

D) Complete the text with WAS or WERE:

Interviewer: What it like during the First World War, Bill?

Bill : It a terrible time. I a young man, so I
in the army. We in Italy.

Interviewer: Where your wife and children?

Bill : They in London. That dangerous too. There
bombs and there not a lot of food. The children very
young and they very frightened.

E) Read the interview and answer the questions:

Bill Jenkins is 100 today

Interviewer: Bill, I expect life is very different today than a hundred years ago.
What **was** it like?

Bill: Yes, it is very different. Life **was** much quieter then. There are so many cars
now. There **weren't** any cars when I **was** a boy.

Interviewer: **Were** you happy as a child?

Bill: Oh yes, I **was** very happy, but I'm still happy now!

Interviewer: Tell me about your family.

Bill: Well, my father **was** a postman and my mother **was** a cook. We **weren't**
rich, but we **weren't** poor either. There **were** five children. My brothers and
sisters **were** all younger than me but I'm the only one still here.

1. Were there any cars when he was a boy?

2. Was he happy or sad when he was a child?

3. What was his mother's job?

4. How many children were there in his family?

5. How old is Bill Jenkins?

F) Mary spent last weekend in Madrid. Ask her some questions using WAS or WERE:

Example: (your hotel / good?)

Was your hotel good?

1. (your room / comfortable?)

2. (the weather / nice?)

3. (the streets / full of people?)

4. (the shops / expensive?)

5. (the city / exciting at night?)

6. (the museums / interesting?)

7. (the people / friendly?)

8. (your flight / OK?)
