



NEW!

There was... There were...

156

There was, there were



Affirmative

there was + singular noun
there were + plural noun

Negative

there was not
there were not

Short forms

there wasn't
there weren't

There was and there were are the past simple forms of there is and there are.

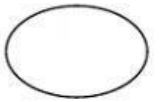
There were is followed by a number or some. There wasn't + uncountable noun is followed by any. There wasn't + countable noun is followed by a, an or a number. After there weren't, we use any or a number.

There was a big park near here. There were some old cars in the museum.

There wasn't a bus stop outside. There weren't any computers.

Read the sentences and choose the correct option.

- 1 There **was** / **were** a park in our town one hundred years ago.
- 2 There **was** / **were** trains one hundred years ago.
- 3 There **was** / **were** motorbikes ninety years ago.
- 4 There **was** / **were** planes fifty years ago.
- 5 There **was** / **were** a hotel in the town ten years ago.
- 6 There **was** / **were** lots of buses twenty years ago.



Watch the video



Choose the correct option

1. There were horse buses **100 / 200** years ago.
2. There were some funny **trains / trams** 100 years ago.
3. There were **scooters / skateboards** 50 years ago. They were very **big / small**.
4. Leo's skateboard is only **5 / 2** years old.