



# There was.. There were...

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## REMEMBER

There **was** a park in our town fifty years ago.  
There **wasn't** a shopping mall in our town fifty years ago.

There **were** some funny trains one hundred years ago.  
There **weren't** any planes two hundred years ago.

We use these time words when we talk about the past:

**yesterday, last week / year / Monday, (fifty years) ago, then**

We use **lots of** or **some** with 'There were'.

We use **any** with 'There weren't'.

In Australia, there were lots of kangaroos.

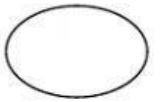


Wow! Australia is beautiful.

Yes, but we like living here with you!

## Complete using "There was" or "There were"

- 1 There was a hotel in our town a hundred years ago.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ trams in our town a hundred years ago.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ some buses in our town a hundred years ago.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a park in our town a hundred years ago.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ lots of bikes in our town a hundred years ago.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ a museum in our town a hundred years ago.



Look at the table about a town in England. True or false?

**1958**

| train stations | trams | cinemas | parks | bus stations |
|----------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|
| 2              | ✓     | X       | 3     | 1            |

**2008**

| train stations | trams | cinemas | parks | bus stations |
|----------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|
| 1              | X     | 1       | 2     | 1            |

1. In 1958, there were three parks.
2. In 2008, there were two train stations.
3. In 2008, there was one bus station.
4. In 1958, there were some trams.
5. In 1958, there was one park.

