

VERB TO BE SIMPLE PAST

VERB TO BE: SER / ESTAR

Ex: I **AM** TALL NOW BUT WHEN I **WAS** 4 I WAS VERY SHORT.

PERSON	PRESENT	PAST SIMPLE
I	AM/ AM NOT	WAS/WASN'T
HE / SHE / IT	IS/ ISN'T	WAS / WASN'T
YOU/WE/THEY	ARE/AREN'T	WERE/ WEREN'T

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of was or were.

- 1 We _____ late for school yesterday. The teacher wasn't very happy! (✓)
- 2 Charlie Chaplin _____ a famous funny actor. (✓)
- 3 The book _____ very good. I didn't finish it! (X)
- 4 My grandparents _____ office workers. They worked at a factory. (X)
- 5 I _____ really hungry, so I had some food. (✓)

2 Match 1–5 with a–e to complete the questions.

1 ____ 2 ____ 3 ____ 4 ____ 5 ____

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| 1 'Who were | a the exam easy?' 'No, it wasn't.' |
| 2 'Was | b the cats?' 'In the sitting room.' |
| 3 'Were | c those boys?' 'My cousins.' |
| 4 'Where were | d your holiday like?' 'Amazing!' |
| 5 'What was | e your friends at the party?' 'Yes, they were.' |

3. Complete the sentences with was, wasn't, were or weren't.

- 1 Jack and Saskia _____ in my class. I sat next to them.
- 2 I went to their flat, but they _____ at home.
- 3 _____ the film good?
- 4 It was my first day, but I _____ nervous.
- 5 _____ the tickets expensive?
- 6 The competition _____ very difficult, so I worked really hard.