

STARTER UNIT 7

7.1 past simple: was/were

1 Write *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't* in the correct place in the sentences.

KEY

✓ = positive sentence
✗ = negative sentence
? = question

*wasn't**were*

1 I *✗* at home yesterday. (✗) My friends and I *✓* at the cinema. (✓)

2 You *✗* at school last Friday. (✗) Where you (?)

3 We *✗* in Greece this time last year. (✓) It a great holiday! (✓)

4 He *✗* at the airport (?) They happy to see him (?)

5 The book great (✓) but the film very good. (✗)

6 She alone. (✗) Her brother and sister with her. (✓)

7 You *✗* at the party last Saturday. (✗) You ill (?)

8 They very late (✓) so their dinner cold. (✓)

2 Ask and answer the questions. Use the past simple of the verb *be*.

Conversation 1

A: Katia / out with her friends last night?

B: Yes / they / at a restaurant in the centre.

A: the restaurant / good?

B: No / she / not happy / with the food.

Conversation 2

A: you / in Spain / on holiday?

B: No / I / there / on business.

A: the weather / good?

B: Yes / it / very nice.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct present or past form of the verb *be*.

- 1 Why *are* they tired today? *Were* they at the concert until late yesterday?
- 2 It *✓* her birthday today. She *✗* twenty this year because last year it *✗* her nineteenth birthday!
- 3 I *✗* ill yesterday but I *✓* OK today.
- 4 We *✗* out all day yesterday because the weather *✗* lovely.
- 5 Where *✗* our classroom this year? Last year we *✓* in Room 3.
- 6 He *✗* late for work yesterday but he *✓* early today.
- 7 The concert *✗* very good but the weather *✓*! It *✗* really cold.
- 8 Last week we *✓* in Rome and this week we *✗* in Prague.

7.2 past simple: regular verbs

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 We *play/played* football every day last week.
- 2 He didn't *watch/watched* the dance show on TV.
- 3 I *hate/hated* fish when I was young but now I *love/loved* it.
- 4 She didn't *talk/talked* to him because he wasn't there.
- 5 I didn't *move/moved* your things!
- 6 They *start/started* a new business last year.
- 7 I *don't/didn't* play golf last year but this year I *play/played* every week.
- 8 We didn't *laugh/laughed* because he wasn't funny.

2 Write a positive or negative sentence. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 I cooked pasta. (chicken) *I didn't cook chicken.*
- 2 She didn't wait for half an hour. (ten minutes)
- 3 We walked in the park. (in the centre)
- 4 He didn't watch the news. (a talk show)
- 5 They stayed at their aunt's. (at their grandparents')
- 6 You didn't listen to me. (him)
- 7 I opened the window. (the door)
- 8 The train arrived at a quarter to six. (half past five)

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive live not close not cook not cry
not like play work

- 1 He didn't close his eyes because he wasn't scared.
- 2 She _____ at the party before I did.
- 3 The baby _____. She smiled all the time.
- 4 They _____ computer games all evening.
- 5 I _____ dinner just for me.
- 6 Jackie _____ as a computer engineer for fifteen years.
- 7 You _____ in Warsaw until you were fifteen years old.
- 8 We _____ the new manager.

7.3 asking for and giving opinions

1 Put the conversation in the correct order.

A: I stayed at home. I watched the new comedy show on TV.
B: It wasn't very good.
A: It was great. I laughed a lot.
B: I don't know the name of the actors but they were very good.
A: Why not?
B: Who was in it?
A: I like comedy shows! How was it?
B: The band was OK but I didn't like the new singer at all. How about you?
A: How was the concert last night? 1

2 Put the words in the correct order to make conversations.

Conversation 1

A: your / How / holiday / was?

B: right / It / all / was.

A: Why? / Really?

B: lovely / beach / but / The / small / food / hotel / was / and / the / wasn't / room / good / the / was.

Conversation 2

A: you / were / night / Where / last?

B: in / At / Baker / Street / restaurant / new / the.

A: it / was / How?

B: terrible / was / It.

A: Why? / Really?

B: warm / the / cold / food / waiters / and / drinks / weren't / were / friendly, / The / hot / was / the / cold.

Consolidation

1 Use the prompts in the box to complete the conversation. Use the past simple form of the verbs.

he/cook/dinner/for us how/it/be
I/be/at the theatre /call/you it/be/fantastic
what/be/the name where/you/be (x2)
who/be/there you/dance you/like/the food
you/not answer

Arthur: 1 I called you last night but
2 _____ your mobile.

3 _____?

Bea: 4 _____. My mobile was off
all evening.

Arthur: 5 _____ of the play?

Bea: *Mamma mia!*

Arthur: 6 _____?

Bea: 7 _____! Tia and I danced, too!
Everyone in the theatre did!

Arthur: 8 _____ in the theatre?

Bea: Yes, it was great fun! How about you?
9 _____ last night?

Arthur: I was at Adam's. 10 _____.

Bea: That's nice. 11 _____?

Arthur: Petra, George and I.

Bea: 12 _____?

Arthur: Not really. Adam is a great friend but
a terrible cook!

2 Cover Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. Then look at Exercise 1 and check your answers.

1 _____ called Bea last night.

2 Bea didn't answer her phone because she was at the _____.

3 The _____ of the play was 'Mamma mia!'

4 Arthur was at _____ last night.

5 Adam _____ for his friends.

6 Adam's _____ was terrible.