

9A Past: questions

For the past of *be*, we form questions with *was/were* + subject.

Were you a good student?

Was your school near your home?

Were the exams very difficult?

Was English your favorite subject?

For the simple past, we form questions with *did* + subject + base form of the verb.

Did you study Spanish in school?

Did your parents go to college?

Did you have toast for breakfast today?

9.4		I / he / she / it	you / we / they
Verb <i>be</i>	?	Was the class interesting?	Were Tom and Mia in class yesterday?
	Y/N	Yes, it was . / No, it wasn't .	Yes, they were . / No, they weren't .
Other verbs	?	Did you have an English class last week?	
	Y/N	Yes, I did . / No, I didn't .	

We can put question words at the start of the question to ask for more information.

What was your favorite subject?

Where did you study?

Who was your favorite teacher?

Why did you study history?

When did you finish college?

How was your vacation?

How many students were there in your class?

How much did your dictionary cost?

How long did you stay?

How far did you go?

- 1 Complete the past questions with the words in parentheses.

- _____ (be/it) sunny yesterday?
- _____ (you/play) golf with Laura?
- _____ (they/enjoy) the game?
- _____ (be/Paul) good at golf?
- _____ (you/like) the golf course?
- _____ (be/it) busy?
- _____ (be/your shoes) comfortable?
- _____ (Paul/stay) with you on the weekend?

- 2 Write short answers to the questions in exercise 1.

- Yes, _____.
- Yes, _____.
- Yes, _____.
- No, _____.
- Yes, _____.
- No, _____.
- No, _____.
- No, _____.

- 3 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.



- you / a / did / vacation / good / have / ?
- go / did / where / you / ?
- on the tour / how many / were / people / ?
- the / hotels / nice / were / ?
- have / did / what time / you / dinner in the hotel / ?
- food / like / the / you / did / ?
- stay / did / long / how / you / ?