

SIMPLE PAST TENSE USING "WAS - WERE"

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PRESENT TIME	PAST TIME
(a) I am in class today . (c) Alice is at the library today . (e) My friends are at home today .	(b) I was in class yesterday . (d) Alice was at the library yesterday . (f) My friends were at home yesterday .
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF BE</p> <p>Singular</p> <p>I was</p> <p>you were (one person)</p> <p>she was</p> <p>he was</p> <p>it was</p> </div> <div> <p>Plural</p> <p>we were</p> <p>you were (more than one person)</p> <p>they were</p> </div> </div>	
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Directions: Change the sentences to past time.

1. Bob is in class today. → He was in class yesterday too.
2. I'm in class today. → I was in class yesterday too.
3. Mary is at the library today. → _____
4. We're in class today. → _____
5. You're busy today. → _____
6. I'm happy today. → _____
7. The classroom is hot today. → _____
8. Ann is in her office today. → _____
9. Tom is in his bedroom today. → _____
10. Ann and Tom are in their offices today. → _____
11. They are sad in class today. → _____
12. Wendy is in the garden today. → _____

(a) I was not in class yesterday. (b) I wasn't in class yesterday.	NEGATIVE CONTRACTIONS <i>was</i> + <i>not</i> = <i>wasn't</i> <i>were</i> + <i>not</i> = <i>weren't</i>
(c) They were not at home last night. (d) They weren't at home last night.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <i>I</i> <i>she</i> <i>he</i> <i>it</i> </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin: 0 5px;">}</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> + <i>wasn't</i> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <i>we</i> <i>you</i> <i>they</i> </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin: 0 5px;">}</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> + <i>weren't</i> </div> </div> </div>

EXERCISE. Sentence practice.

Directions: Study the time expressions. Then complete the sentences. Use *wasn't* or *weren't*. Use a past time expression!

Present	Past
today	yesterday
this morning	yesterday morning
this afternoon	yesterday afternoon
tonight	last night
this week	last week

1. Ken is here today, but he *wasn't* here yesterday.
2. I'm at home tonight, but I *wasn't* at home last night.
3. Olga is busy today, but _____
4. Tom is at the library tonight, but _____
5. Ali and Rita are at work this afternoon, but _____
6. You're here today, but _____
7. Dr. Alex is in her office this morning, but _____
8. It's cold this week, but _____
9. Susan is in Jogja today, but _____
10. My father is in the backyard this morning, but _____
11. The students are in the laboratory today, but _____
12. The black cat is on the roof tonight, but _____

YES/NO QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWER + (LONG ANSWER)	
(a) Were you in class yesterday? (be) + (subject)	→ Yes, I was.	(I was in class yesterday.)
	→ No, I wasn't.	(I wasn't in class yesterday.)
(b) Was Carlos at home last night? (be) + (subject)	→ Yes, he was.	(He was at home last night.)
	→ No, he wasn't.	(He wasn't at home last night.)
INFORMATION QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWER + (LONG ANSWER)	
(c) Where were you yesterday? <i>Where</i> + (be) + (subject)	→ In class.	(I was in class yesterday.)
(d) Where was Jennifer last night? <i>Where</i> + (be) + (subject)	→ At home.	(She was at home last night.)

Exercise . Question Practice.

Directions: Make questions and give short answers.

1. (you / at home / last night)

A: Were you at home last night?

B: No, I wasn't.

2. (Mr Yamamoto / absent from class / yesterday)

A: _____?

B: Yes, _____

3. (Oscar and Anya / at home / last night)

A: _____?

B: Yes, _____

4. (you / nervous / the first day of class)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

5. (Ahmed / at the library / last night)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

6. (Mr. Shin / in class / yesterday)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

7. (you and your family / in Canada / last year)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

A: Where _____?

B: In Ireland.

8. (you / be / at the library / right now)

A: _____?

B: No, _____

A: Where _____?

B: In class.