

SIMPLE PAST TENSE USING "WAS - WERE"

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| PRESENT TIME | PAST TIME |
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| (a) I am in class today . | (b) I was in class yesterday . |
| (c) Alice is at the library today . | (d) Alice was at the library yesterday . |
| (e) My friends are at home today . | (f) My friends were at home yesterday . |
| SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF BE Singular I was you were (one person) she was he was it was | Plural we were you were (more than one person) they were |

I
she
he
it } + **was**

we
you
they } + **were**

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**. → _____

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|---|---|
| (a) I was not in class yesterday. (b) I wasn't in class yesterday. | NEGATIVE CONTRACTIONS was + not = wasn't were + not = weren't |
| (c) They were not at home last night. (d) They weren't at home last night. | $\left. \begin{matrix} I \\ she \\ he \\ it \end{matrix} \right\} + \text{wasn't} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} we \\ you \\ they \end{matrix} \right\} + \text{weren't}$ |

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 |

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

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