

STRUCTURES



Subject + was/were + complement + time expression
I was at school in the morning.



Subject + was/were + **not** + complement + time expression
He was not in the park. / He wasn't in the park.



Was/were + subject + complement + time expression + ?

Were you in Japan?

Was she on vacation?

No, I wasn't.

Yes, she was.

What was the weather like?

How long were you away?

It was great.

I was away for two weeks.

GRAMMAR NOTES

- Use **WAS** with I, he, she, and it.
- Use **WERE** with You, we, and they.
- Use contractions especially with short negative answers.

was not = wasn't
were not = weren't

Grammar

Past of Be

A. Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. A: How long _____ your cousins in Europe?
B: They _____ there for six weeks.
A: _____ they in London the whole time?
B: No, they _____. They also went to France.
2. A: _____ you in New York last weekend?
B: No, I _____. I _____ in San Francisco.
A: How _____ it?
B: It _____ great! But it _____ foggy and cool as usual.
3. A: _____ you away last week?
B: Yes, I _____ in Istanbul.
A: Really? How long _____ you there?
B: For almost a week. I _____ there on business.

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