



45 Listen and repeat. Then act out.



| Affirmative | Negative      |              |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|             | Long form     | Short form   |
| I was       | I was not     | I wasn't     |
| You were    | You were not  | You weren't  |
| He was      | He was not    | He wasn't    |
| She was     | She was not   | She wasn't   |
| It was      | It was not    | It wasn't    |
| We were     | We were not   | We weren't   |
| You were    | You were not  | You weren't  |
| They were   | They were not | They weren't |

## Time expressions with the past simple

|            |                |                   |                     |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| yesterday  | last year      | two days ago      | yesterday afternoon |
| last week  | two weeks ago  | then              | last night          |
| last month | two months ago | yesterday morning | two hours ago       |

We use the **past simple** for actions which happened at a definite time in the past.I **was** at the circus **yesterday**. (When was I at the circus? Yesterday.)

## 1

## Choose the correct item.

- 1 I **was** / **were** at my friend's house yesterday.
- 2 The girls **was** / **were** happy last week.
- 3 Grandma **was** / **were** at the supermarket two hours ago.
- 4 You **was** / **were** late for school yesterday.
- 5 Sam **was** / **were** tired last night.
- 6 Marek and Anna **was** / **were** bored last Saturday.
- 7 The dog **was** / **were** in the garden yesterday.
- 8 You and Ahmed **was** / **were** at school last Monday.
- 9 It **was** / **were** sunny last week.
- 10 We **was** / **were** at the cinema last night.

2 Write the sentences in the *past simple*.

## TODAY

- 1 They are at the cinema.
- 2 I'm not happy.
- 3 The film is scary.
- 4 Is he in London?
- 5 What is for lunch?
- 6 George isn't very friendly.
- 7 Are they happy?
- 8 It's very hot!

## YESTERDAY

*They were at the cinema.*

### Interrogative

### Short answers

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Was I ...?     | Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.         |
| Were you ...?  | Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.   |
| Was he ...?    | Yes, he was. / No, he wasn't.       |
| Was she ...?   | Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.     |
| Was it ...?    | Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.       |
| Were we ...?   | Yes, we were. / No, we weren't.     |
| Were you ...?  | Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.   |
| Were they ...? | Yes, they were. / No, they weren't. |

3 Tina was in London last Sunday. Write questions and answers.



1 (London/beautiful)

*Was London*

*beautiful?*

*Yes, it was.*

4 (the hotel/nice)

*No,*

2 (the people/kind)

5 (your room/small)

*Yes,*

*Yes,*

6 (the museums/interesting)

*Yes,*

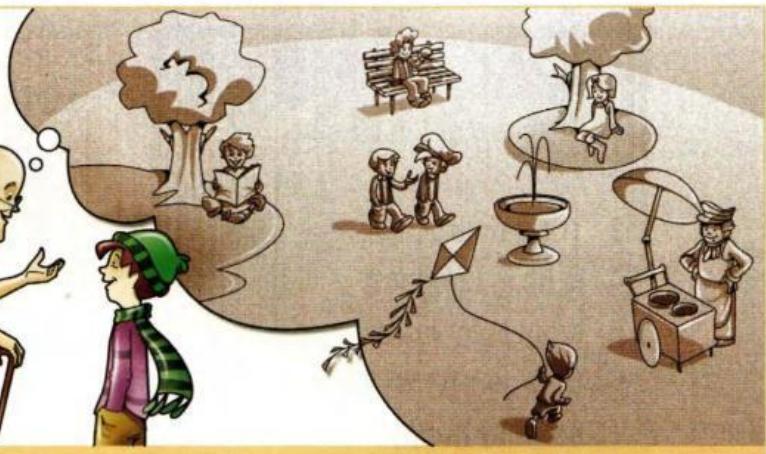
3 (the weather/good)



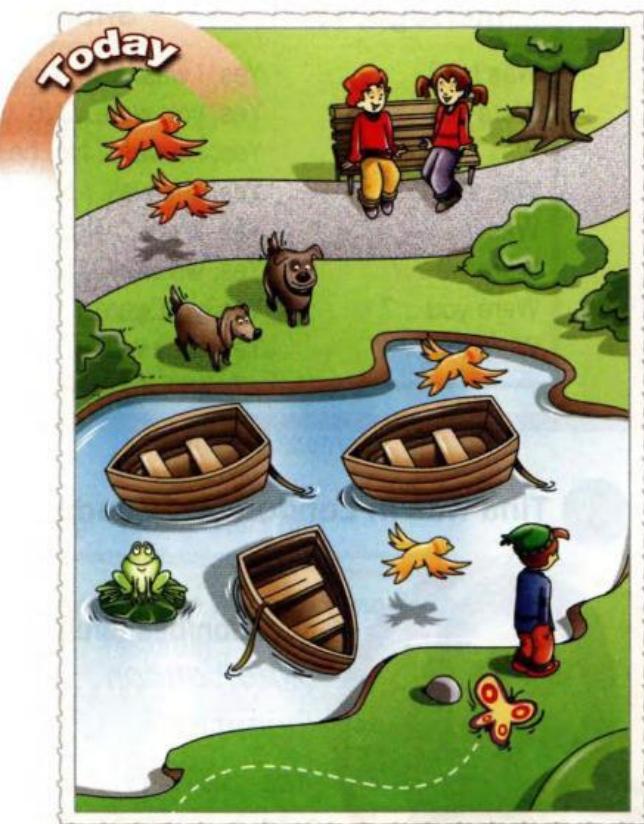
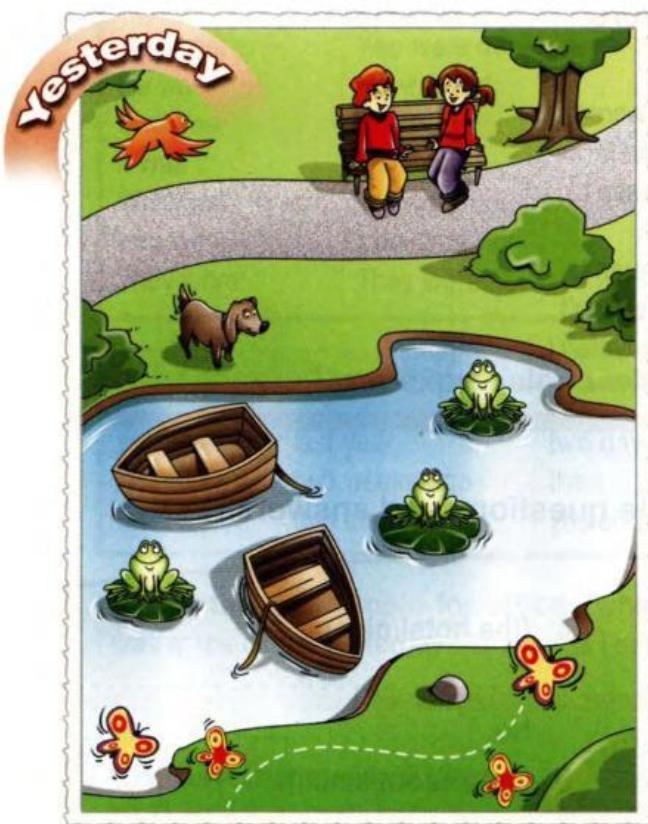
46 Listen and repeat.

There was / There were

Fifty years ago, **there was** a park opposite our house.  
**There were** a lot of children there every day.



4 Spot the differences. Complete the sentences with was, were and a number.



- 1 Yesterday there ... **were two** ... children in the park.
- 2 Yesterday there ..... **bird** in the sky.
- 3 Yesterday there ..... **butterflies**.
- 4 Yesterday there ..... **dog**.
- 5 Yesterday there ..... **boats** on the lake.
- 6 Yesterday there ..... **frogs**.

- Today there are **three**.
- Today there are **four**.
- Today there is **one**.
- Today there are **two**.
- Today there are **three**.
- Today there is **one**.

## 5 Write was or were.

- 1 It .... WAS .... hot last summer.
- 2 There ..... two cakes in the fridge yesterday.
- 3 The boys ..... at the library last Wednesday.
- 4 Mum ..... at work yesterday.

- 5 There ..... a cat at the window an hour ago.
- 6 My friends ..... at school yesterday.
- 7 James ..... at my party last night.
- 8 There ..... a lot of people at the park yesterday.



## Speaking Activity

What were you and your friend like when you were children? Answer the questions. Then interview your friend.

|   | Me    | My friend |
|---|-------|-----------|
| 1 Were you noisy or quiet?                  | ..... | .....     |
| 2 Were you polite or rude?                  | ..... | .....     |
| 3 What was your favourite colour?           | ..... | .....     |
| 4 What was your favourite food?             | ..... | .....     |
| 5 Who was your favourite cartoon character? | ..... | .....     |
| 6 What was your favourite toy?              | ..... | .....     |



## Writing Activity

What were you like when you were a child? Write. Use your answers from the Speaking Activity.

When I was a child I .....