

ACTIVITY 4 - TO BE IN THE PAST

1. Complete the following stories using the correct form of the verb "to be" in the past. Use the provided icons.

Story 1: A Family Surprise

Last weekend, there _____ (✓) a surprise family get-together. My aunt and uncle _____ (✗) expected to visit. The whole family _____ (✓) at our house, and it was a happy surprise. My cousins _____ (✓) really surprised. My grandparents _____ (✓) also there, and everyone _____ (✓) happy. _____ (?) it a joyful time? Yes, it _____ (✓) !

Story 2: Old Photos

Yesterday, I _____ (✓) looking through old stuff and I found a photo album. In the pictures, there _____ (✓) my parents when they _____ (✓) young. They _____ (✗) not the same! They looked really different! My dad _____ (✓) wearing glasses, and my mom _____ (✓) wearing an old dress. They _____ (✓) so happy. There _____ (✗) pictures of my grandfather when he _____ (✓) young. _____ (?) these pictures interesting? _____ (?) they happy in the photos? Yes, they _____ (✓) !

2. Read the following text and find the error in the use of the past tense of the verb "to be."

A Day at the Beach



Last summer, my family and I were _____ on vacation at the beach. The weather wasn't _____ perfect, but we was _____ excited. My siblings were _____ building sandcastles, and my parents was _____ enjoying the view.

Suddenly, we were _____ surprised by a beach performer. He was jumping and doing flips, and the people was _____ cheering him on. Were _____ it a fun moment? Of course it was! _____

Later, we were _____ hungry, so we went to the café on the beach. The food was _____ delicious, and the service was excellent. But my sister wasn't _____ happy; she were _____ allergic to seafood, and there was _____ some in her dish. Was _____ it a good idea to eat there? My sister didn't think so!

After lunch, we were _____ tired, so we lay on the beach towels. The sun were _____ shining, and the waves was _____ relaxing.

As the day was _____ ending, we were _____ grateful for a wonderful day at the beach. We were _____ tired but happy. Were _____ it a great day? Absolutely!