PAST SIMPLE + THERE WAS/ THERE WERE

1. COMPLETE WITH THE PAST OF BE (WAS / WERE)

My name is Lisa. Last summer, I …… In the United States. The trip by plane ……very long. My friend Ann ……..at the airport, waiting for me. We ……very happy to be together. The day ……very hot and there …….. many people at Central Park. The city centre ……..great. There ……a big clock in the middle called Times Square. It ……a great day, but we ……very tired.

2. PUT THE VERBS IN THE PAST SIMPLE IN THE CORRECT PLACE.

USE: TALK / WALK / ARRIVE / WATCH / LOOK / WANT / HELP / PHONE

a) Olly ……..a new pair of jeans for her birthday.
b) My best friend ……me with my Animal Project last night.
c) We ……at the photos of Peter's holidays yesterday.
d) Sabri and Lola ……late for class this morning.
e) The penguins at the zoo ……in a funny way.
f) Last Saturday I ……my boyfriend, we ……for two hours!
g) I ……..a great film on TV last night.

3. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU.

a) Where were you yesterday afternoon? Who was with you? ……
b) What was your favourite cartoon when you were 10 years old? ……
c) What time were you at school this morning? ……

4. ORDER THE WORDS TO MAKE QUESTIONS.

a) did / yesterday / the supermarket / sister / what / go to / time / your / ?

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b) Peter / what / his mum / did / her birthday / to / give / for / ?

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c) yesterday morning / did / 7 / up / get / you / at / ?

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d) Steven / in the street / did / what / yesterday / find / ?

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e) this morning / you / home / did / early / leave / ?

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5. MATCH THE QUESTIONS IN EXERCISE 4 TO SOME OF THE ANSWERS 1-7.

1) No, I didn't. I left at about 10.
2) Yes, I did. I lived there.

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3) He always finds something interesting.
4) She went there at about 5 pm.
5) He gave her a book.
6) No, I didn't. I didn't hear the alarm clock so I woke up at 10!
7) He found a wallet.

6. COMPLETE USING THERE WAS / THERE WERE / THERE WASN'T / THERE WEREN'T.

a) Can you describe the place where you worked before?
Yes! It was a nice place. ……fifteen offices. My office was big. …….
a desk but …….. a bookcase. ……some chairs for the people
but ……any sofas. ……..a lot of books and
……a computer.
b) When I was young, ……a very good player in my team.
c) Everything was perfect, ……..any problems.
d) ……an old restaurant in town last year. ……also many cafés.
e) ……any good films on TV yesterday.

7. ORDER THE WORDS TO MAKE QUESTIONS. THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

a) your / bed / yesterday / what / there / was / on / afternoon / ?
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b) an / last / there / in / earthquake / was / mar del plata / year / ?
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c) your / in / there / students / any / new / class / were / 2023 / in / ?
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8. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH SOME OF THESE WORDS:

EARTHQUAKES FLOODS VOLCANIC ERUPTION TSUNAMI HURRICANE
HAILSTORM LANDSLIDE DROUGHT

a) Some years ago, a terrible ……hit Japan. Enormous waves covered the cities on the coast and a lot of people died.
b) Miami is a special city. Every summer there is a …….. The winds are very strong so many people have to leave their homes.
c) ……are typical in places like Mexico and Chile. There are sometimes movements of the ground.
d) A ……is a storm in which small ice balls fall to the ground.
e) In some American cities, it doesn't rain very frequently and there are long periods of ……

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