

UNIT 4

PAST SIMPLE OF BE

Positive	I/He/She/It was at home yesterday. You/We/They were at school at ten o'clock.
Negative	I/He/She/It wasn't (was not) five years old in 2010. You/We/They weren't in the park yesterday.
Questions	Where was I/he/she/it at six o'clock? Who were you/we/they with yesterday? Was I/he/she/it late? Were you/we/they happy?
Short answers	Yes, I/he/she/it was . No, I/he/she/it wasn't (was not) . Yes, you/we/they were . No, you/we/they weren't (were not) .

Was/were are the past forms of **be**. We use **was/were** to describe people and things in the past.

*My grandmother **was** tall and she **was** very beautiful.*

*The earrings **were** fantastic. They **were** round.*

We also use **was/were** or **were/weren't** to say where people or things were or weren't in the past.

*We **weren't** at school yesterday. It **was** a holiday.*

*The new T-shirt **wasn't** in her bedroom.*

We start sentences with **was/weren't** to make questions.

***Was** it a good party? **Weren't** your friends with you?*

We can use **was/weren't** in short answers without the noun.

*Yes, it **was**. No, they **weren't**.*

Practice

1 Complete the sentences with **was(n't)** or **were(n't)**.

0 I was very surprised.

1 My friends _____ interested in my new phone.

2 My dad _____ (not) in the office at 11 o'clock.

3 We _____ (not) happy. Our dog _____ missing.

4 You _____ very tired yesterday.

5 I _____ (not) hungry, but I _____ very thirsty.

2 Put the words in order to make questions. Then write the short answer.

0 bored / you / were / ? (✓)

Were you bored? Yes, I was.

1 your / tall / teacher / was / first / ? (✓)

2 shoes / were / his / broken / ? (✓)

3 you / and / friends / your / cold / were / ? (X)

4 mobile / bag / was / in / your / your / ? (X)

5 lake / were / the / we / near / ? (✓)

3 Write complete questions with **was** or **were**. Then write answers that are true for you.

0 Where / you / yesterday / at 6 pm?

Where were you yesterday at 6 pm? I was at home.

1 you / late / for school on Monday?

2 your friends / tired / at 9 am this morning?

3 When / your best friend / born?

4 What day / it / yesterday?

5 this exercise / difficult?