

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 were interested in my new phone.
- 2 My dad wasn't (not) in the office at 11 o'clock.
- 3 We were (not) happy. Our dog was missing.
- 4 You were very tired yesterday.
- 5 I wasn't (not) hungry, but I were 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?**