

8.1 When we were seven

Grammar verb *be* past simple

1 Circle the correct options.

- 1 It was / were cold.
- 2 You was / were late.
- 3 Andreas wasn't / weren't at work.
- 4 We was / were at home.
- 5 The managers was / were in a meeting.
- 6 Liam and Ava wasn't / weren't in class.

2 Complete the conversations with the correct past simple form of *be*.

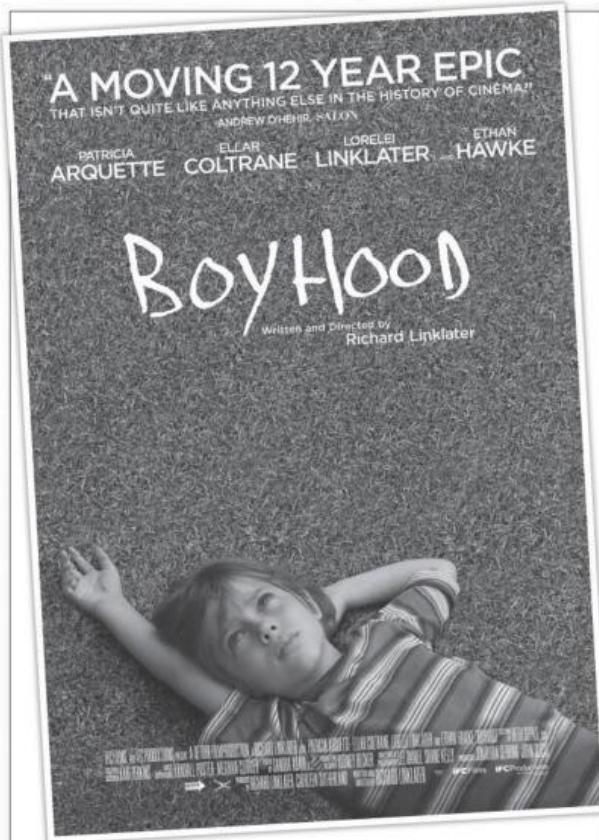
- 1 A Was the concert good?
B Yes, it _____.
- 2 A Where _____ you yesterday?
B I _____ at the beach with my friends.
- 3 A _____ you and your partner at the party?
B Yes, we _____.
- 4 A _____ your sister at home yesterday?
B No, she _____.
- 5 A When _____ you and your family in Chile?
B We _____ there in April.
- 6 A _____ your parents teachers?
B No, they _____.

PRONUNCIATION *was* and *were*

3a 8.1 Listen and mark the stress. The numbers in (brackets) are the number of stressed words.

- 1 I was a good student. (2)
- 2 My parents weren't rich. (3)
- 3 Were you clever? (1)
- 4 Yes, I was. (1)
- 5 Was she nice? (1)
- 6 No, she wasn't. (1)

b 8.1 Listen again and repeat.

4 Complete the text with the correct past simple form of *be*.

Boyhood **1** was a 2014 film about the life of a boy called Mason. The film **2** was unusual because filming **3** lasted very long – from 2002 to 2013. The actors **4** were the same for all that time; the same boy – Ellar Coltrane – **5** was Mason from the age of seven to the age of eighteen. But Coltrane and the other actors **6** were in the film studios every day for twelve years. They **7** were there for about a week every year making the film. *Boyhood* **8** was the best film of 2014, but many people say they like it.

Vocabulary dates

5 Continue the series.

- 1 fourth, fifth, sixth
- 2 first, second, _____
- 3 ninth, tenth, _____
- 4 eighth, tenth, _____
- 5 fifth, tenth, _____
- 6 nineteenth, twentieth, _____
- 7 twenty-second, twenty-fifth, _____
- 8 tenth, twentieth, _____

6 Complete the months with the missing vowels (*a,e,i,o,u*).

1 J <u>an</u> uary	7 J <u>u</u> ly
2 F <u>eb</u> ru <u>ary</u>	8 <u>u</u> g <u>ust</u>
3 M <u>ar</u> ch	9 S <u>e</u> pt <u>ember</u>
4 <u>ap</u> ril	10 <u>o</u> ct <u>ober</u>
5 M <u>ay</u>	11 N <u>ov</u> ember
6 J <u>u</u> n <u>e</u>	12 D <u>e</u> cem <u>ber</u>

7 Match years 1-8 to words a-h.

1 1912	a two thousand and three
2 1920	b nineteen ninety
3 1977	c twenty seventeen
4 1990	d nineteen twelve
5 2003	e twenty thirty
6 2009	f nineteen seventy-seven
7 2017	g two thousand and nine
8 2030	h nineteen twenty

8 Write the years in numbers.

1 nineteen fourteen	<u>1914</u>
2 twenty fifteen	_____
3 two thousand and eight	_____
4 nineteen ninety-six	_____
5 two thousand and two	_____
6 twenty twenty	_____

9 Write the years in words.

1 1876	_____
2 2040	_____
3 1957	_____
4 2004	_____
5 1164	_____
6 2018	_____

10a Answer the questions using the dates in the box.

26th January 23rd April 1st May 4th July 18th July
31st December

When is ...

- 1 Australia Day? 26th January
- 2 New Year's Eve? _____
- 3 International Workers Day? _____
- 4 Independence Day (USA)? _____
- 5 World Book Day? _____
- 6 Nelson Mandela Day? _____

b 8.2 Listen and check your answers.

c 8.2 Listen again and repeat.



I can ...

use the verb *be* in the past.

talk about my life then and now.

Very well Quite well More practice