

Grammar Station



Past Simple (The Verb Be): Questions

- ★ To make yes/no questions, we put the verb **was** or **were** before the subject.
- ★ To make wh-questions, we put the question words **where** or **who** at the beginning of sentences.

		Question	Answer
Yes/No Question		Was I	Yes, you were . No, you weren't .
		Were you	Yes, I was . No, I wasn't .
		Was he	Yes, he was . No, he wasn't .
		Were they	Yes, they were . No, they weren't .
Wh-question	Where	were you last night? was he this morning?	I was at home . He was at the library .
	Who	was the boy next to you? were the girls with Dave?	He was my cousin . They were his classmates .



Was Mark at the library after school?
– No, he **wasn't**.



Where were you after school?
– I was **on the playground**.

★ Match the questions with the correct answers.

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| 1. Was Laura busy last week? | • | • No, we weren't. |
| 2. Were you and Joe classmates? | • | • He was at camp. |
| 3. Who were the tall men? | • | • Yes, she was. |
| 4. Where was Fred yesterday? | • | • They were models. |

A Circle the correct words.

1. Was / Were you tired yesterday?
2. Was / Were it hot last week?
3. Was / Were he at home at 6:00?
4. Was / Were she sick last night?
5. Was / Were Tony and Cindy scared?
6. Was / Were the books fun?

B Complete the dialogues in the past simple.

1. A Was Billy at your birthday party? B No, he wasn't.
2. A _____ you busy yesterday? B Yes, _____.
3. A _____ Larry at home this morning? B No, _____.
4. A _____ the boys hungry? B No, _____.
5. A _____ the story interesting? B Yes, _____.

C Complete the dialogues in the past simple using *where* or *who*.



1. A Where were you after lunch? B I was in the music room.
2. A _____ the boy with glasses? B _____ my younger brother.
3. A _____ the women? B _____ famous singers.
4. A _____ Angela? B _____ in the backyard.

A Complete the questions in the past simple.

1. shorter A Were you shorter last year? B Yes, I was.
2. in the hospital A _____ last week? B No, he wasn't.
3. cloudy A _____ this morning? B Yes, it was.
4. tired A _____ yesterday? B No, they weren't.
5. best friends A _____ last year? B Yes, we were.

B Choose and complete the answers in the past simple.

in the laundry basket
in a cafe

in the swimming pool
my classmate



1. A Who was the boy next to you? B He was my classmate last year.
2. A Where were your parents? B They _____.
3. A Where were your sneakers? B They _____.
4. A Where was Nick this morning? B He _____.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. Where was your puppies? → Where were your puppies?
2. Who were the girl in the pink shoes? → _____
3. Was the books mine? → _____
4. Were there an old tree in this town? → _____

Grammar in Writing

When you write a detective story, you can use the past simple to talk about something that happened in the past.

Complete the detective story in the past simple.

Mr. Poirot is a famous detective in Agatha Christie's mysteries.
He investigates crimes and finds clues.
He is interviewing a suspect now.

- Mr. Higglins, where were you last night at 11:30?
- _____ at a cafe in Greenwich.
- _____ alone there?
- No, _____. I was with two people.
- Who _____ they?
- _____ Mr. and Mrs. Johns.
- Are they your friends?
- No, they aren't. They _____ with me
for an interview. I'm a writer for a magazine.
- Okay, sir. Thank you for your time.

Review!

Complete the chart.

Yes/No Question			Wh-question
Was Sally	busy?	Yes, <u>she was</u> .	_____ the boys?
		No, <u>she wasn't</u> .	- They were my cousins.
_____ they		Yes, _____.	
		No, _____.	
_____ he		Yes, _____.	_____ your umbrella?
		No, _____.	- It was under the table.