

Past simple of the verbs 'to be' and 'can'

1. Write in was or were.

In winter 1998 it very cold.

Dinner.....OK, but the rice
not very good.

I can't find my bag. Ithere 5
minutes ago.

My grandmother.....a teacher, and
her two sisters.....both nurses.

When.....your diving exam?

Why.....Ann late?

It.....sunny and hot, and we.....
...exhausted.

'.....they in Vilnius yesterday?' 'Yes,
they.....'

I.....happy to see you.

2. Write in could or couldn't.

In 1950, people use
mobile phones.

Yesterday, Peter do that
exercise alone. So, he called me for help.

We open the door: it was
locked from the inside!

In 1900, people watch TV.

Mary's grandfather play
chess and he was the best! But his
children play chess!

When Ann was a teenager, she.....
watch a horror film: it was too frightening
for her!

In 1945, people play video
games.

3. Complete the text with was, were, weren't, could or couldn't.

Some ancient Romans.....very rich and their brick houses.....beautiful.

There.....any windows on the outside walls and there.....any carpets on
the floors. The public baths.....very popular. Men and women.....go

there at different times, but children.....use the baths. Hunting, riding and having
dinner parties with friends.....popular free-time activities. There.....lots

of games for children. The boys' favourite games.....ball games and the girls'
favourite toy.....a doll. The life.....very easy then, but people.....

..happy. They.....enjoy different dishes, and their favourite drink.....
wine. Children.....drink it, because it.....forbidden.