

Questions and answers with was / were



Were you at the beach?



Yes, we **were**, Gran! It was great!

Language focus

Put **was** / **were** at the beginning of the sentence to make a Yes/No question.

Was Hector in the park? Yes, he **was**, with his new kite!

Were you ...? Yes, I **was**.

No, I **wasn't**.

Were we / they ...? Yes, we / they **were**. **Was** he / she ...? Yes, he / she **was**.

No, we / they **weren't**. No, he / she **wasn't**.

Use a question word such as **where** to ask a different type of question with **was** / **were**.

Where were you? I **was** at home.

Where was Harriet? She **was** at the swimming pool.

1 Complete the mini-dialogues with *was*, *were*, *wasn't* or *weren't*.

- 1 'Where was Anne yesterday?' 'She _____ at the park with her friends.'
- 2 '_____ Ed at school last week?' 'No, he _____. He _____ at home because he was unwell.'
- 3 '_____ my keys on the table?' 'No, they _____.'
- 4 '_____ Sylvia at the birthday party?' 'Yes, she _____. She was very happy.'
- 5 '_____ your friends on the beach?' 'No, they _____. It was too cold.'
- 6 'Where _____ Joe and Bill on Saturday afternoon?' 'I think they _____ at the cinema.'

2 Match the questions with the answers.

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| 1 Was Jack at the swimming pool? | a No, they weren't. It was too hot to do gardening. |
| 2 Were your brother and sister at the beach at the weekend? | b I was at home all day. I was tired. |
| 3 Where were you on Sunday, Louise? | c Yes, there was. A very old one. |
| 4 Were your grandparents in the garden, Liz? | d Yes, they were. They were in the sea too. |
| 5 Were there seahorses and starfish in the sea? | e No, he wasn't. It wasn't open. |
| 6 Was there a clock on the tower in the square? | f Yes, there were! Lots of them. They were beautiful! |

3 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

- 1 Was Mina in a boat? Yes, she was.
- 2 Were Bryan and Johanna in school? _____
- 3 Was Samantha at the museum? _____
- 4 Was Damian at the sports centre? _____
- 5 Was Stefanie in bed? _____
- 6 Were the children at the beach? _____

