



Jamie's tired. Yesterday he **was** in the school play. He **was** a firefighter.



Mom and Dad **were** happy.



Was and **were** are the past simple forms of the verb **be**.

Now

*I **am** ten.*

*The weather **is** sunny.*

*They **are** old now.*

Before

*Last year, I **was** nine.*

*Yesterday, it **was** rainy.*

*They **were** young in this photo.*

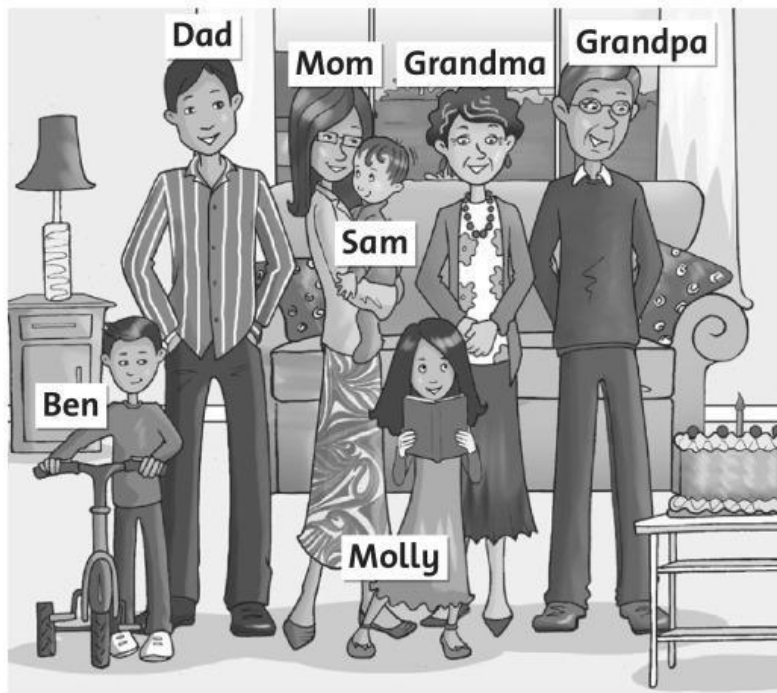
We use the past simple of **be** to identify someone or something in the past, to talk about the location of someone or something in the past, and to talk about the time and the weather in the past.

1 Circle the past simple forms of **be**.

Look at this old photo of my grandparents. They were young! My grandma was pretty, and my grandpa was handsome. That's my mother. She was very cute. My grandma says she was smart. They were a small family.



2 This is a photo from last year. Look and write.



- 1 It / Sam's birthday _____ It was Sam's birthday _____.
- 2 Sam/ one _____.
- 3 Dad / handsome _____.
- 4 Molly / smart _____.
- 5 Grandpa / hungry _____.
- 6 The family / happy _____.

3 Where were they yesterday? Look and write.

zoo park store



She was at
the zoo.



_____.



_____.



Jamie was a firefighter. His friend Dave **wasn't** a firefighter.
He was a police officer. Alison **wasn't** in the play.



The negative forms of **was** and **were** are **was not** and **were not**.
We usually use the short forms.

Affirmative

I **was**
you **were**
he **was**
she **was**
it **was**
we **were**
you **were**
they **were**

Negative (short form)

I **wasn't**
you **weren't**
he **wasn't**
she **wasn't**
it **wasn't**
we **weren't**
you **weren't**
they **weren't**

wasn't = was not
weren't = were not



4 Circle the correct past simple negative form of be.

- 1 Mom and Dad **wasn't** / **weren't** old.
- 2 Alison **wasn't** / **weren't** messy.
- 3 Jamie **wasn't** / **weren't** a police officer.
- 4 It **wasn't** / **weren't** sunny yesterday.
- 5 We **wasn't** / **weren't** at the park.

5 Make the sentences negative.

- 1 Jamie was a police officer. Jamie wasn't a police officer.
- 2 Dave was a firefighter. _____.
- 3 Grandpa and Grandma were old. _____.
- 4 Alison was in the play. _____.
- 5 Yesterday it was sunny. _____.

6 Write. Use the correct affirmative or negative form of the verb be.

Jamie's school play was about jobs. Jamie ¹ was a firefighter.
 Dave ² _____ a firefighter. He ³ _____ a police officer.
 Other girls and boys ⁴ _____ doctors and nurses. Alison
⁵ _____ in the play. Mom and Dad ⁶ _____ happy.

7 Look at the picture. True or false? Write T or F.



- 1 It wasn't sunny. T
- 2 Jamie was at school. _____
- 3 Alison was a baby. _____
- 4 Mom and Dad were old. _____
- 5 It wasn't 12 o'clock. _____
- 6 Mom and Dad were happy. _____

1 Circle the false word. Write the correct word.

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It was cold. hot

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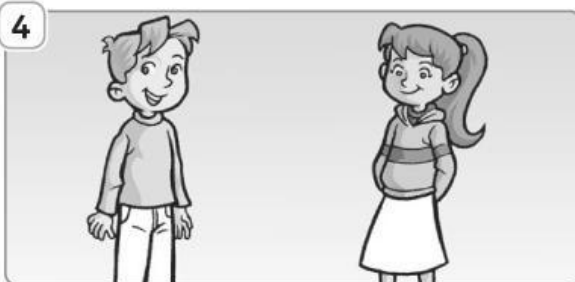


It was sunny. _____

3

The bedroom was
neat. _____

4

Grandpa and Grandma
were old. _____

2 Complete.

was wasn't were weren't

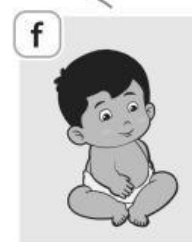


On my birthday it ¹ was
rainy outside. My party
² _____ in the living room.
The party ³ _____ fun. At
the end, the cake ⁴ _____
on the table. The balloons
⁵ _____ on the floor.
The living room ⁶ _____
very messy, but my bedroom
⁷ _____ neat!

1 Match.

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- 1 cute
- 2 old
- 3 smart
- 4 handsome
- 5 young
- 6 pretty



2 Complete.

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was wasn't were weren't



- 1 Jay and his friends were outside.
- 2 They _____ at home.
- 3 It _____ rainy.
- 4 It _____ sunny.
- 5 The girls _____ under the umbrella.
- 6 Jay _____ under the umbrella.

3 Circle the correct word.

/ 5

- 1 She wasn't / weren't old.
- 2 It wasn't / weren't rainy.
- 3 They wasn't / weren't at the park.
- 4 He was / were cute.
- 5 We was / were smart.
- 6 I was / were pretty.