

7A GRAMMAR simple past of *be*: *was* / *were*

● Complete with *was* / *were* or *wasn't* / *weren't* to make true sentences.

- 1 Mother Teresa wasn't born in India.
- 2 Kurt Vonnegut _____ an English writer.
- 3 Tchaikovsky _____ the composer of *Swan Lake*.
- 4 The Vikings _____ from Germany.
- 5 Gustave Eiffel _____ a famous French engineer.
- 6 Roald Dahl _____ a famous British musician.
- 7 The Beatles _____ from Liverpool.
- 8 Jennifer Lawrence _____ in the *Hunger Games* movies.
- 9 Socrates and Plato _____ Greek artists.
- 10 Pablo Picasso _____ Spanish.
- 11 Beethoven _____ a Swiss composer.
- 12 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin _____ the first men to walk on the moon.
- 13 Adele's first album _____ 25.
- 14 The Incas _____ from Mexico.
- 15 Marco Polo _____ born in Venice.
- 16 The Olympic Games _____ in Brazil in 2016.
- 17 Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci _____ famous German painters.
- 18 Barack Obama _____ the 44th President of the US.
- 19 Monet and Gauguin _____ French painters.
- 20 Albert Einstein _____ a German politician.



ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Make questions and test your partner's memory. Correct the information if you can.

Was Mother Teresa born in India?) (No, she wasn't. She was born in Albania.

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Where were these people at 3:00 yesterday afternoon?



- 1 Dan was in bed.
- 2 Jack and Kate
- 3 Sue
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I

Write **am/is/are** (present) or **was/were** (past).

- 1 Last year she was 22, so she is 23 now.
- 2 Today the weather is nice, but yesterday it was very cold.
- 3 I was hungry. Can I have something to eat?
- 4 I feel fine this morning, but I was very tired last night.
- 5 Where were you at 11:00 last Friday morning?
- 6 Don't buy those shoes. They were very expensive.
- 7 I like your new jacket. Was it expensive?
- 8 This time last year I was in Paris.
- 9 "Where were Sam and Joe?" "I don't know. They were here a few minutes ago."

Write **was/were** or **wasn't/weren't**.

- 1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small, and it wasn't clean.
- 2 Nick wasn't at work last week because he wasn't sick. He's better now.
- 3 Yesterday was a holiday, so the banks were closed. They're open today.
- 4 " Were Kate and Bill at the party?" "Kate wasn't there, but Bill was."
- 5 Where are my keys? They were on the table, but they're not there now.
- 6 You were home last night. Where were you?

Write questions from these words + **was/were**. Put the words in the right order.

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| 1 (late / you / this morning / why?)
Why <u>were</u> you late this morning? | → The traffic was bad. |
| 2 (difficult / your exam?)
_____ | → No, it was easy. |
| 3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)
_____ | → They were on vacation. |
| 4 (your new camera / how much?)
_____ | → One hundred and twenty dollars. |
| 5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)
_____ | → Because you were late. |
| 6 (nice / the weather / last week?)
_____ | → Yes, it <u>was</u> beautiful. |