6D Grammar

Past simple: *be* and *can*

I can talk about the past using be *and* can.

1 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 Jason **was** / **wasn't** at school. He was on holiday.
2 Pete and Kate **was** / **were** at the theatre last night.
3 Wendy and Jo **were** / **weren't** with me. **Was** / **Were** they with you?
4 '**Was** / **Were** you at home last night?' 'Yes, I **was** / **were**.'
5 Harry **was** / **were** in Spain last summer.
6 The weather **was** / **were** really nice last weekend – warm and sunny.

2 Look at the table. Write sentences about where the people were. Use the past simple form of *be*, affirmative or negative.

Day	Freddy	Nola
Mon	London	Manchester
Tues	Cardiff	Cardiff
Wed	Bristol	London
Thur	Newcastle	Bristol
Fri	Liverpool	Liverpool
Sat and Sun	Plymouth	Nottingham

1 Freddy / Manchester / Monday
Freddy wasn't in Manchester on Monday.
2 Nola / London / Wednesday
_____
3 Freddy and Nola / Newcastle / Tuesday
_____
4 Freddy / Plymouth / Saturday and Sunday
_____
5 Nola / London / Monday
_____
6 Freddy and Nola / Liverpool / Friday
_____

3 Where were you? Write questions and true answers.

1 at two o'clock in the morning?
Where were you at two o'clock in the morning?
I was in bed.
2 at ten o'clock yesterday morning?
_____
_____
3 at three o'clock yesterday afternoon?
_____
_____
4 at seven o'clock on Friday evening?
_____
_____
5 at eleven o'clock on Saturday night?
_____
_____

4 What could Sarah and Mike do at these ages? Look at the table and write questions and answers. Use *be* and *can*.

	Sarah	Mike
swim	age three	age four
read	age five	age three
ride a bike	age six	age six

1 Mike / swim / three? Could Mike swim when he was three?
No, he couldn't.
2 Sarah / swim / four? _____
_____
3 Mike / read / three? _____
_____
4 Sarah / read / four? _____
_____
5 Mike and Sarah / ride a bike / six? _____
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5 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct past simple form of *be* and *can* (affirmative, negative and interrogative).

Zoe Hi, Erin. Are you having a good time in Africa?
Erin Yes, I am. I phoned you on Saturday, but you [1]_____ at home. Then I tried to phone you yesterday. But I [2]_____ get a signal.
Zoe Where are you now?
Erin In Zanzibar. We arrived two days ago. Yesterday we [3]_____ at the beach. I tried surfing, but it was really difficult – I [4]_____ stand up!
Zoe [5]_____ there any sharks?
Erin No! Well, I [6]_____ see any!
Zoe [7]_____ you in Tanzania last week?
Erin Yes, we [8]_____. We climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. The view from the top [9]_____ fantastic! I [10]_____ see for miles!
Zoe Wow! That sounds amazing!

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