

GRAMMAR

Past simple of *be*

1 Look at the examples.

Positive

I **was** at my sister's wedding.

We **were** at a barbecue near the beach.

All the bands **were** fantastic.

Negative

The weather **wasn't** great.

You **weren't** in class.

Questions and short answers

Where **were** you last night?

How **was** the food?

Were you at the football match? Yes, I **was**.

Was it fun? No, it **wasn't**.

Now choose the correct words in the box to complete the rules about the past simple of *be*.

- 1 We use _____ with *I/he/she/it*.
- 2 We use _____ with *you/we/they*.
- 3 We add _____ to *was/were* to make negative sentences.
- 4 We put _____ / _____ before the subject to make questions.

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2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 My school lunch **was** / **were** nice yesterday.
- 2 My brothers **was** / **were** late home this evening.
- 3 That TV programme **wasn't** / **weren't** very good!
- 4 We **wasn't** / **weren't** too tired after our walk.
- 5 What **was** / **were** the time when you got home?
- 6 How many people **was** / **were** on the trip?

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 All my friends **was** here on Saturday.
- 2 I like your new shoes! Are they **expensive**?
- 3 Yesterday I **were** at a friend's house.
- 4 That is an awesome party last night!

4 Complete the conversation with *was* / *wasn't*, *were* / *weren't*.

Suzy: Hi, Max. Where ⁰ **were** you yesterday afternoon? You ¹ _____ at school.

Max: Oh hi Suzy. No, I ² _____. I ³ _____ at a big athletics competition at the city sports club.

Suzy: Really? ⁴ _____ it fun?

Max: Yes, it ⁵ _____. It ⁶ _____ amazing! I ⁷ _____ the winner of the 800 m race!

Suzy: Fantastic! ⁸ _____ your parents there?

Max: No, they ⁹ _____. They ¹⁰ _____ at work. But my brother ¹¹ _____ there with his video camera, so it ¹² _____ fine!

5 Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then answer them.

- 1 _____ your dinner like last night?
- 2 _____ your friend late this morning?
- 3 _____ you in this class last year?
- 4 _____ your last haircut?

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