

Lesson 4A

GRAMMAR | past simple of *be*: *was, were*

VOCABULARY | time phrases (1) and dates

PRONUNCIATION | weak and strong sounds: *was, were*

VOCABULARY

time phrases (1) and dates

1 A Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- We were in Brussels _____ morning.
a last b yesterday c ago
- Our last class was _____ May 3rd.
a at b on c in
- She was here ten minutes _____.
a ago b yesterday c last
- _____ this exercise, check your answers.
a After b On c Last
- I was at home _____ night.
a on b in c last
- We always go on holiday _____ the summer.
a on b last c in

B 4.01 | Complete the conversation with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

after ago in last on yesterday

- A: Hi, Ania. Where were you ¹ _____ night?
B: Oh, ² _____ afternoon was busy at work. And two days ³ _____ I was in Paris. So I was really tired.
A: No problem. But let's meet soon. We need to do something for your birthday! How about ⁴ _____ tomorrow's class?
B: I can't, sorry. What about Saturday, ⁵ _____ the afternoon?
A: OK. Maybe we can have birthday cake at Mason's?
B: Good idea! I love that restaurant. But my birthday was a week ⁶ _____, ...
A: Oh, really? Sorry! So it was ⁷ _____ Wednesday?
B: Yes. That's why I was in Paris ⁸ _____ weekend.
A: Ah, I see! Well, we can have a late birthday lunch ⁹ _____ Saturday. No problem!

C Put the letters in brackets in the correct order to make time phrases and dates.

Do you need any help with your presentation on Monday?

Monday? I thought it was on the _____ (deosnc) of _____ (sugAut)?

No, it's 31 ³ _____ (luJy). That's Monday. But I can help you with it tonight.

Thanks – it's my ⁴ _____ (strif) presentation.

Have you got the information you need?

No, I've only got the information for ⁵ _____ (raJuany) to ⁶ _____ (liprA).

GRAMMAR

past simple of *be*: *was, were*

2 A The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- Tamara and John aren't at work yesterday.
a was b wasn't c weren't
- Alice is at home last night.
a was b were c weren't
- Was you on holiday last month?
a Were b Wasn't c Weren't
- We weren't at our friend's house last weekend. It was great.
a was b were c wasn't

B Complete the sentences and questions with one word in each gap.

- Where _____ you yesterday?
- James _____ very happy as a child.
- When _____ the first World Cup?
- Mark and Sylvie _____ on holiday last week. It was really nice for them.
- A: _____ you in class yesterday?
B: No, I _____, I _____ at work.
- When _____ Mark Zuckerberg born?
- My parents _____ born in Germany. They _____ born in Poland.
- Sandrine _____ at home last night. She _____ at the cinema.
- Where _____ the first Olympics?
- The 2016 Olympics _____ in London. They _____ in Rio de Janeiro.

C Choose the correct words to complete the fact file.

Surprising facts: HISTORY

- The first photographic cameras ¹was / were around in the 18th century, and they ²was / were very slow. Sometimes it ³was / were thirty minutes to take a photo!
- The Olympic games are only sports these days, but they ⁴were / weren't always like that. From 1912 to 1948, there ⁵was / were prizes for art, too.
- Most people think Cleopatra was Egyptian, but she ⁶wasn't / weren't. She ⁷was / were born in Egypt, but her family ⁸were / weren't Greek.
- Many people think the Model T Ford ⁹was / were the first car, but it wasn't. It ¹⁰was / were Carl Benz's design from 1879.

PRONUNCIATION

3A **4.02** | weak and strong sounds: *was, were* | Listen to the statements and questions. Are the words in bold strong (S) or weak (W) forms?

- 1 She **wasn't** born in 2000.
- 2 **Were** they at home last night?
- 3 Yes, they **were**.
- 4 Where **were** you in 2020?
- 5 No, he **wasn't**. He **was** with Andy.
- 6 We **were** very happy with our hotel.

B **4.02** | Listen again and repeat.

LISTENING

4A **4.03** | Listen to two people discussing an article. What decade(s) is/are the article about?

- 1 the 2000s
- 2 the 2010s
- 3 the 2000s and the 2010s

B **4.03** | Listen again and match the events (1–6) with the years in the box.

2000 2004 2008 2011 2012 2014

- 1 Obama wins the US election
- 2 the start of Facebook
- 3 seven billion people in the world
- 4 Malala Yousafzai wins the Nobel Peace Prize
- 5 the first camera phones in the shops
- 6 a robot takes a selfie on Mars

C **4.03** | Complete the extracts with *was* or *were*. Then listen again and check.

- 1 Can you remember when it _____?
- 2 That _____ 2006, I think.
- 3 No, it _____. It _____ back in 2004!
- 4 There _____ seven billion of something in 2011.
- 5 Do you know what they _____?
- 6 I think they _____ around in 2005.
- 7 There _____ an important selfie in the news in 2012.
- 8 It _____ from Mars. It _____ a NASA robot!



WRITING

write about a special time; use time phrases

5A Read the online post. Choose the correct option to complete the title.

- 1 driving test
- 2 driving lesson
- 3 car

My first _____

I remember it well. It was eight years ago, in the summer. I was in my final year at school. I was in the car outside my house with the teacher, and I remember my parents were at the window in the house. I was very happy at the time because my dream was to drive a car. The lesson was great! An hour later I was home again. My teacher was very nice, because it wasn't easy to drive for the first time. In the evening I was tired, but also happy.



B Read the post again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The driving lesson was in the summer.
- 2 The writer was in the car.
- 3 The writer's parents were in the car.
- 4 The lesson was thirty minutes.
- 5 The writer was happy.
- 6 The writer didn't like the teacher.
- 7 It was difficult to drive for the first time.
- 8 The writer was tired the next morning.

C Find and underline four time phrases in the online post.

6A Choose one of these 'firsts' to write about.

- first day at school
- first driving lesson
- first flat/house
- first holiday

B Make notes to answer these questions.

- 1 When was it?
- 2 Where was it?
- 3 Who was there?
- 4 Were you happy?
- 5 What was one good or bad thing about it?

C Write your online post in 80–100 words. Use time phrases in your post.