

was, were

1 Choose the correct words.

- A Where **was / were** you yesterday afternoon?
- B Oh, I (1) **was / were** at the library.
- A No, you (2) **wasn't / weren't**. The library (3) **wasn't / weren't** open. (4) **Was / Were** you at the shopping centre?
- B No! I (5) **wasn't / weren't** at the shopping centre. OK, I (6) **was / were** with Xiana and we (7) **was / were** at the café. Why? (8) **Was / Were** there a party or something?
- A No, it (9) **was / were** the football match. We (10) **wasn't / weren't** very good. Thanks to you, there (11) **was / were** only ten players in our team!

there was, there were

2 Complete the sentences. Write was or were (✓) or wasn't or weren't (✗).

- There *was* a football match yesterday. (✓)
- 1 There _____ any sandwiches at the café. (✗)
- 2 There _____ a science class yesterday. (✗)
- 3 There _____ snacks in the kitchen. (✓)
- 4 There _____ much juice. (✗)
- 5 There _____ lots of people in town on Saturday. (✓)

Regular verbs

3 Write the past simple form of the verbs.

- travel *travelled*
- 1 invent _____
- 2 visit _____
- 3 name _____
- 4 discover _____
- 5 invade _____
- 6 use _____
- 7 live _____
- 8 change _____
- 9 like _____

Past simple of regular verbs: affirmative and negative

4 Look at the sentences. Then write the past simple negative form of the verbs.

- He walked home. ➡ He *didn't walk* home.
- 1 I played football. ➡ I _____ football.
- 2 We prayed. ➡ We _____.
- 3 She washed. ➡ She _____.
- 4 The spider jumped. ➡ The spider _____.
- 5 You travelled by train. ➡ You _____ by train.

ago

5 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- We visited London two years **ago**.
- 1 I asked her two days **ago**.
- 2 They walked **ago** home two hours.
- 3 You looked for them a week **ago**.
- 4 The animals escaped **ago** five minutes.

was, were

1 Write affirmative and negative sentences. Use the correct form of was or were.

- They (students / not teachers)
They were students.
They weren't teachers.
- 1 This book (interesting / it not boring)

- 2 They (Japanese / not American)

- 3 We (in the café / not at school)

- 4 Tweetie (a bird / he not a parrot)

2 Write questions with was or were.

where / you / yesterday / ?

Where were you yesterday?

1 they / at the cinema / ?

2 who / your / favourite actor / ?

3 she / a maths teacher / ?

4 when / they / born / ?

there was, there were

3 Complete the text with was, were, wasn't or weren't.

It was a terrible party. There (1) _____

many people. There (2) _____ a lot of

food, but there (3) _____ any drinks.

There (4) _____ a big table for the food,

but there (5) _____ any chairs! There (6)

_____ some CDs, but there (7)

_____ a CD player!

Past simple of regular verbs: affirmative and negative

4 Complete the past simple form of the verbs.

1 invent i ___ v ___ n ___ ___

2 explore ___ x ___ o ___ ___

3 travel t ___ v ___ l ___ ___

4 discover d ___ c ___ ___ d

5 change ___ h ___ e ___

5 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

They live in this house.

They lived in this house.

1 We listen to music.

2 I don't like animals.

3 The chameleon changes colour.

4 You travel by car.

5 Fabio doesn't stay here.

6 They don't watch TV.

7 I name my dog Rico.

ago

6 Write sentences. Use the past simple form of the verb and ago.

I / play / computer games / an hour

I played computer games an hour ago.

1 We / move house / three years

2 They / visit / us / a few months

3 He / invent / it / forty years

4 You / play / tennis / two weeks

1 Look at the fact file about Elvis Presley. Then write the questions and the answers. Use the correct form of *was* or *were*.

Elvis Presley

Born:	1935
Parents:	Vernon and Gladys
Brother:	Jessie
Favourite interests:	music and clothes
Became famous:	in the 1950s

when / born?

When was he born?

He was born in 1935.

1 his parents / Vernon and Jessie?

2 who / his brother?

3 what / favourite interests?

4 he / famous / in the 1940s?

2 Complete the sentences about these things in the year 1900. Use the affirmative and negative form of *there was* and *there were*.

There weren't any TVs.

1schools.

2 a capital city in Spain.

3an airport near Barcelona.

4 any CD players.

5any fast food restaurants.

6 explorers and writers.

3 Read the text. Then complete the sentences. Use the affirmative or negative past simple form of the verbs in the box.

check like play ~~stay~~ stay travel

I'm Dino. Last summer, my family and I weren't at home. We were in Italy. We were at my grandparents' house. There wasn't a computer at their house. One day, I played in a football match on the beach. Football was fun, but my favourite activity was surfing.

Last summer, Dino and his family *didn't stay* at home.

1 They _____ Italy.

2 They _____ house.

3 Dino _____ emails.

4 He _____ tennis on the beach.

5 He really _____ .

4 Write past simple sentences with *ago*.

I / watch / a horror film / on Tuesday (It is now Friday.)

I watched a horror film three days ago.

1 I / finish / my homework / at 7.50 p.m. (It is now 8 p.m.)

2 I / visit / my friend in London / in February (It is now August.)

3 I / play / basketball at ten o'clock this morning (It is now one o'clock in the afternoon.)

4 I / start / school in 1997 (It is now 2009.)

Irregular verbs

1 Choose the correct past simple form.

- have **had** / ~~haved~~
- 1 meet **meet** / ~~met~~
- 2 win **wan** / ~~won~~
- 3 lose **lost** / ~~losen~~
- 4 buy **buyed** / ~~bought~~
- 5 eat **ete** / ~~ate~~
- 6 see **saw** / ~~sew~~

Past simple: regular and irregular verbs

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs.

They *named* (name) the dog Bikolo.

- 1 I _____ (find) the bag under the desk.
- 2 He _____ (go) there on holiday.
- 3 We _____ (visit) the museum.
- 4 She _____ (have) pizza for dinner.

3 Tick (✓) the correct past simple sentences.

- They didn't play basketball.
- 1 She travelled to France.
- 2 We didn't went home.
- 3 He build a new house.
- 4 She didn't invent anything.
- 5 My dad made us dinner.
- 6 They didn't walked to school.

Past simple: questions

4 Complete the questions with the words in the boxes.

did (x3) finish invent ~~watch~~

Did you *watch* TV last night?

- 1 _____ Alexander Bell _____ the telephone?
- 2 _____ she _____ her homework last night?

did (x2) eat meet

- 3 Where _____ they _____ Alice?
- 4 What _____ you _____ at the restaurant?

did (x2) buy visit

- 5 _____ you _____ the museum?
- 6 Where _____ they _____ those CDs?

Past simple: regular and irregular verbs

1 Complete the table.

	Past simple affirmative	Past simple negative
	<i>asked</i>	didn't ask
(1)	bought	_____
(2)	_____	didn't change
(3)	ate	_____
(4)	_____	didn't have
(5)	made	_____
(6)	_____	didn't stay
(7)	travelled	_____
(8)	_____	didn't win
(9)	lost	_____
(10)	_____	didn't visit

2 Look at the information about Lucia's week. Then write affirmative and negative sentences.

	Monday	watch TV meet friends
(1)	Tuesday	visit her aunt have dinner at home
(2)	Wednesday	make a big breakfast eat lunch
(3)	Thursday	lose her bag in town buy anything
(4)	Friday	go to a lot of shops find her bag

On Monday, she *watched* TV.

She *didn't meet* friends.

- 1 On Tuesday, she _____ .
She _____ .
- 2 On Wednesday, she _____ .
_____ .
She _____ .

- 3 On Thursday, she _____ .
She _____ .
- 4 On Friday, she _____ .
_____ .
She _____ .

Past simple: questions

3 Complete the questions. Use the past simple of the words in the box.

what / sport / he / play • where / you / go
what time / it / start • they / win • she / help

Where did you go on holiday? France.

- 1 him? Yes, she did.
2? Football.
3the match?
No, they didn't.
4? 8.00 p.m.

4 Write questions for the answers.

What did he invent?

He invented the telephone.

Did they go to the beach?

Yes, they went to the beach.

- 1 What?
I bought some magazines.
2?
Yes, I made dinner.
3 Where?
We met at the library.
4?
Yes, we travelled by bus.
5 Who?
I saw Sara.

1 Complete the text about Natalie's holiday. Use the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

build buy eat go have
like see not stay not want

Last summer, I (1) _____ a great holiday! I (2) _____ at home – I (3) _____ to Siena, in Italy! Siena is a really pretty town, and I (4) _____ lots of interesting old buildings. I really (5) _____ the cathedral – that was my favourite place. Architects and builders (6) _____ it between 1215 and 1348, so it's very old! We spent a lot of time exploring the city. We also visited a lot of shops, and I (7) _____ postcards, sweets and chocolate to give to my friends at home. I (8) _____ a lot of chocolate too, of course – my favourite food! At the end of the holiday I (9) _____ to come home.

2 Write what the people didn't do. Use the prompts in the box.

find / it go / to France
have / dinner / at / home
~~lose / the match~~ meet / friends

The team were happy.
They *didn't lose the match*.
1 He hated travelling.
He _____ .
2 We went to a restaurant.
We _____ .
3 I stayed at home last night.
I _____ .
4 I looked for my bag.
But I _____ .

4 Write questions for the answers. Use the underlined verb and one of the question words.

Did you do your homework?

No, I didn't do my homework. (what / when / no question word)

Who did you meet?

I met my friend. (who / what / no question word)

1?

No, he didn't see Ela. (where / who / no question word)

2?

I went on holiday in August. (when / where / no question word)

3?

I liked the red dress. (how / which / no question word)

4?

Yes, I bought the CD. (where / when / no question word)

5?

No, she didn't have dinner. (what / how / no question word)

6?

We stayed in a hotel. (who / where / no question word)

was, were, there was, there were

1 Complete the sentences with was, wasn't, were or weren't.

The programme *was* interesting. (✓)

1 Who _____ the best characters in the drama series?

2 The participant _____ very good. (✗)

3 There _____ a lot of people in the audience. (✓)

4 The viewers _____ interested in the new show. (✗)

5 She _____ really excited when she got the flat-screen TV. (✓)

Past simple

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs.

I *watched* (watch) TV last night.

1 _____ you _____ (enjoy) the film?

2 He _____ (not know) the answer.

3 What _____ he _____ (have) for dinner?

4 They _____ (go) to Egypt last summer.

5 She _____ (meet) a friend yesterday.

6 We _____ (not win) any prizes.

Past continuous

3 Order the words to complete the questions.

(laughing / were / you)

Why *were you laughing*?

1 (chatting / she / was)

Who _____ to?

2 (reading / were / you)

_____ this book?

3 (saying / they / were)

What _____?

4 (it / raining / was)

_____ last night?

5 (he / listening / was)

_____ to the radio?

Past simple and past continuous

4 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

When Diego arrived home, his mother was making the dinner.

1 We watched TV when the phone rang.

2 While I was doing my homework, I listen to some music.

3 The participant was answering a question when the show ended.

4 When they saw her, she was crying.

5 Dan was sleeping when the film was finishing.

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1 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *was / were* or *there was / there were*.

James (1) _____ there many TVs in the 1930s, Grandma?

Grandma No, (2) _____ many.

James What (3) _____ your favourite programmes at that time?

Grandma Quiz shows. They (4) _____ my favourite programmes. My father (5) _____ a participant on a quiz show, but he (6) _____ very good. (7) _____ a fantastic prize, but he didn't win it.

Past simple

2 Write a past simple affirmative and negative sentence, and a question for the sentences.

You watch the reality show.
(✓) *You watched the reality show.*

1 (✗) _____

2 (?) _____

He sees the film.

3 (✓) _____

4 (✗) _____

5 (?) _____

3 Write past simple questions for the answers. Use a question word.

Who did you see last night?

I saw Karen last night.

1 _____ ?

We had fish and chips for dinner.

2 _____ ?

_____ ?

They went to Tenerife for their holiday.

3 _____ ?

I was angry because we didn't win the prize.

4 _____ ?

He watched a reality show on TV.

Past continuous

4 Write past continuous affirmative and negative sentences and questions.

1 I / read / a book (✗)

2 you / watch / TV (?)

3 they / speak / French (✗)

4 he / sleep (✓)

5 who / you / talk to (?)

6 I / chat / to a friend (✓)

Past simple and past continuous

5 Complete the sentences with the correct verb in each gap. Use the past simple or past continuous form.

When I *arrived*, they *were watching* TV. (arrive / watch)

1 While Dad _____ the dinner, I _____ my homework. (do / cook)

2 When I _____ David, he _____ lunch in the park. (have / see)

3 _____ Dan's parents _____ in Buenos Aires when he _____ born? (be / live)

4 I _____ any text messages while we _____ the film. (not send / watch)

5 Why _____ you _____ when I _____ into the room? (laugh / walk)

6 It _____ when we _____ the sports centre. (leave / not rain)

1 Complete the text with the affirmative or negative form of *was*, *were*, *there was* and *there were* or the past simple form of the verbs in the boxes.

arrive have invite walk want

Last night my friend Cathy (1) _____ me to her house. (2) _____ a new reality show on TV that we both (3) _____ to watch. When I (4) _____ at her house, the TV (5) _____ on, but (6) _____ anybody in front of it. Cathy and I (7) _____ into the kitchen. Cathy's sister (8) _____ next to the fridge with an empty bottle of ketchup in her hand. Cathy's brother (9) _____ an empty can of cola in his hand. They (10) _____ both very angry with each other.

agree drink go not leave say turn

'Yesterday,' shouted Cathy's sister, '(11) _____ a lot of ketchup. I can't believe you (12) _____ any for me!' 'And yesterday,' shouted Cathy's brother, '(13) _____ three cans of cola in the fridge and they (14) _____ there this morning. That's because you (15) _____ them all!' 'Unbelievable,' (16) _____ Cathy and I together and we (17) _____ that her brother and sister (18) _____ worse than any reality show. We (19) _____ off the TV, and (20) _____ out.

2 Write questions for the answers about the text in exercise 1.

- 1 _____ ?
The friends wanted to watch a new reality show.
- 2 _____ ?
They were in the kitchen.
- 3 _____ ?
No, there wasn't. Cathy's brother used it all.
- 4 _____ ?
She drank three cans of cola.
- 5 _____ ?
They turned off the TV and went out.

3 A police officer is interviewing Jack Stone about his friend Tony Adams, who disappeared last night. Read Jack's statement about what he did last night. Then write the police officer's questions and Jack's answers. Use the past continuous form.

I left home at 6.45 p.m. and walked to the café. I arrived at 7.15 pm. My friend, Tony Adams, brought his coffee over from another table and we had a drink together. Then my other friends arrived and they went to order their drinks. When I left the café at 10.30 p.m., Tony started speaking to the waitress. I arrived home at 11 p.m.

1 what / you / do / 7 p.m.

Q _____ ?

A I _____ .

2 why / you and Tony / sit / together

Q _____ ?

A We _____ .

3 what / your / other friends / do

Q _____ ?

A They _____ .

4 what / Tony / do / at 10.30 p.m.

Q _____ ?

A He _____ .

4 There are two mistakes in each sentence. Correct them.

1 My dad was turning off the TV while we watch 'Big Brother'! ✘

2 They not speak any English while they living in France. ✘

3 The presenter was ask a question when the programme ends. ✘

[ANSWER KEY (Respuestas)]

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- 1 1 was 5 wasn't 9 was
 2 weren't 6 was 10 weren't
 3 wasn't 7 were 11 were
 4 Were 8 Was
- 2 1 weren't 3 were 5 were
 2 wasn't 4 wasn't
- 3 1 invented 4 discovered 7 lived
 2 visited 5 invaded 8 changed
 3 named 6 used 9 liked
- 4 1 didn't play 4 didn't jump
 2 didn't pray 5 didn't travel
 3 didn't wash
- 5 1 ✓
 2 ✗ (They walked home two hours ago.)
 3 ✓
 4 ✗ (The animals escaped five minutes ago.)

- 1 1 This book was interesting.
 It wasn't boring.
 2 They were Japanese.
 They weren't American.
 3 We were in the café.
 We weren't at school.
 4 Tweetie was a bird.
 He wasn't a parrot.

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- 2 1 Were they at the cinema?
 2 Who was your favourite actor?
 3 Was she a maths teacher?
 4 When were they born?
- 3 1 weren't 4 was 6 were
 2 was 5 weren't 7 wasn't
 3 weren't

- 4 1 invented 3 travelled 5 changed
 2 explored 4 discovered
- 5 1 We listened to music.
 2 I didn't like animals.
 3 The chameleon changed colour.
 4 You travelled by car.
 5 Fabio didn't stay here.
 6 They didn't watch TV.
 7 I named my dog Rico.
- 6 1 We moved house three years ago.
 2 They visited us a few months ago.
 3 He invented it forty years ago.
 4 You played tennis two weeks ago.

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- 1 1 Were his parents Vernon and Jessie?
 No, they weren't.
 2 Who was his brother?
 His brother was Jessie.
 3 What were his favourite interests?
 His favourite interests were music and clothes.
 4 Was he famous in the 1940s?
 No, he wasn't.
- 2 1 There were schools.
 2 There was a capital city in Spain.
 3 There wasn't an airport near Barcelona.
 4 There weren't any CD players.
 5 There weren't any fast food restaurants.
 6 There were explorers and writers.
- 3 1 travelled to
 2 stayed in Dino's grandparents'
 3 didn't check his
 4 didn't play
 5 liked surfing
- 4 1 I finished my homework ten minutes ago.
 2 I visited my friend (in London) six months ago.
 3 I played basketball three hours ago.
 4 I started school twelve years ago.

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- 1 1 met 3 lost 5 ate
 2 won 4 bought 6 saw
- 2 1 found 3 visited
 2 went 4 had
- 3 1 ✓ 4 ✓
 2 ✗ (didn't go) 5 ✓
 3 ✗ (built) 6 ✗ (didn't walk)
- 4 1 Did ... invent 4 did ... eat
 2 Did ... finish 5 Did ... visit
 3 did ... meet 6 Did ... buy
- 1 1 didn't buy 6 stayed
 2 changed 7 didn't travel
 3 didn't eat 8 won
 4 had 9 didn't lose
 5 didn't make 10 visited
- 2 1 On Tuesday, she visited her aunt.
 She didn't have dinner at home.
 2 On Wednesday, she made a big breakfast.
 She didn't eat lunch.
 3 On Thursday, she lost her bag in town.
 She didn't buy anything.
 4 On Friday, she went to a lot of shops.
 She didn't find her bag.

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- 3 1 Did she help him?
 2 What sport did he play?
 3 Did they win the match?
 4 What time did it start?
- 4 1 What did you buy?
 2 Did you make dinner?
 3 Where did you meet?
 4 Did you travel by bus?
 5 Who did you see?
- 1 1 had 4 saw 7 bought
 2 didn't stay 5 liked 8 ate
 3 went 6 built 9 didn't want
- 2 1 He didn't go to France.
 2 We didn't have dinner at home.
 3 I didn't meet friends.
 4 But I didn't find it.

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- 4 1 Did he see Ela?
 2 When did you go on holiday?
 3 Which dress did you like?
 4 Did you buy the CD?
 5 Did she have dinner?
 6 Where did you stay?
- 1 1 were 3 were 5 was
 2 wasn't 4 weren't
- 2 1 Did ... enjoy 4 went
 2 didn't know 5 met
 3 did ... have 6 didn't win
- 3 1 was she chatting 4 Was it raining
 2 Were you reading 5 Was he listening
 3 were they saying
- 4 1 ✗ (We were watching TV when the phone rang.)
 2 ✗ (While I was doing my homework, I listened to some music.)
 3 ✓
 4 ✓
 5 ✗ (Dan was sleeping when the film finished.)

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- 1 1 Were 5 was
 2 there weren't 6 wasn't
 3 were 7 There was
 4 were
- 2 1 You didn't watch the reality show.
 2 Did you watch the reality show?
 3 He saw the film.
 4 He didn't see the film.
 5 Did he see the film?
- 3 1 What did you have for dinner?
 2 Where did they go for their holiday?
 3 Why were you angry?
 4 What did he watch (on TV)?

- 4 1 I wasn't reading a book.
 2 Were you watching TV?
 3 They weren't speaking French.
 4 He was sleeping.
 5 Who were you talking to?
 6 I was chatting to a friend.
- 5 1 was cooking, did
 2 saw, was having
 3 Were ... living, was
 4 didn't send, were watching
 5 were ... laughing, walked
 6 wasn't raining, left

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 1 invited | 11 there was |
| 2 There was | 12 didn't leave |
| 3 wanted | 13 there were |
| 4 arrived | 14 weren't |
| 5 was | 15 drank |
| 6 there wasn't | 16 said |
| 7 walked | 17 agreed |
| 8 was | 18 were |
| 9 had | 19 turned |
| 10 were | 20 went |
- 2 1 What did the friends want to watch (on TV)?
 2 Where were Cathy's brother and sister?
 3 Was there any ketchup?
 4 What did Cathy's sister drink?
 5 What did the friends do?
- 3 1 What were you doing at 7 p.m.?
 I was walking to the café.
 2 Why were you and Tony sitting together?
 We were having a drink together.
 3 What were your other friends doing?
 They were ordering drinks.
 4 What was Tony doing at 10.30 p.m.?
 He was speaking to the waitress.
- 4 1 My dad turned off the TV while we were watching 'Big Brother'!
 2 They didn't speak any English while they were living in France.
 3 The presenter was asking a question when the programme ended.