

Past to be, There was / There were

A Fill in the blanks with *was* or *were*.

- 1 Yesterday it*was*..... rainy and cool.
- 2 the concert good last Sunday?
- 3 My father and I at the stadium for the big game two weeks ago.
- 4 The children not at their grandparents last weekend.
- 5 The weather hot and I thirsty.
- 6 you at the shops yesterday?

B Fill in the blanks with *There was*, *There were*, *Was there* or *Were there*.

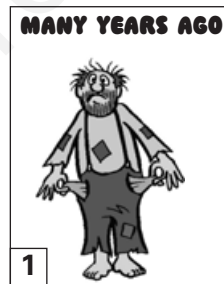
- 1 *Were there* any famous actors in the play?
- 2 a wonderful film on TV on Monday night.
- 3 astronauts on the moon in 1969.
- 4 steak for lunch.
- 5 any sugar in the bowl?
- 6 a nature programme on TV last night?

C Answer the questions about yourself.

- 1 Were you at this school a year ago?
.....
- 2 Were you cold last night?
.....
- 3 Was your room tidy yesterday?
.....
- 4 Were you worried about anything yesterday?
.....
- 5 How old were you in the year 2002?
.....
- 6 How many pupils were there in your class last year?
.....

D Ask questions using *Was* or *Were*. Then answer the questions according to the pictures.

- 1 the man / rich / many years ago
Was the man rich many years ago?
No, he wasn't. He was poor.
- 2 the men / on holiday / in June
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- 3 Dan / on a boat / last Saturday
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- 4 the teacher / angry / yesterday
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- 5 the shops / closed / on Monday afternoon
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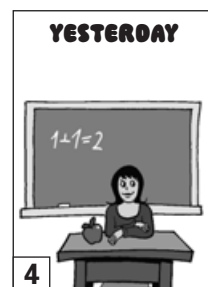
(poor)



(at work)



(on a boat)



(happy)



(closed)

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- A 1 was 4 were
2 Was 5 was, was
3 were 6 Were

- B 1 Were there 4 There was
2 There was 5 Was there
3 There were 6 Was there

C Accept all logical and grammatically correct answers.

- D 1 Was the man rich many years ago? No, he wasn't. He was poor.
2 Were the men on holiday in June? No, they weren't. They were at work.
3 Was Dan on a boat last Saturday? Yes, he was.
4 Was the teacher angry yesterday? No, she wasn't. She was happy.
5 Were the shops closed on Monday afternoon? Yes, they were.

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