# **ENGLISH**

**Chapter 17 Session A** 

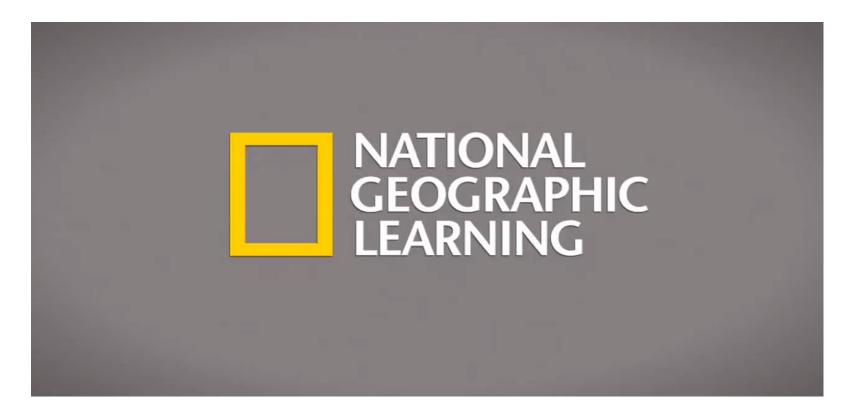




**ANIMALS IN DANGER** 



#### **HELICOMOTIVATION**





## Simple past: be



1 Complete the tables with the examples in the box.

Steller's sea cows were very big sea mammals.

The Tasmanian tiger wasn't a tiger.

There was less forest for the gorilla.

There were more than a million saigas.

### Affirmative and negative

	Subject	was(n't)	+ singular	
	Hunting Tasmanian 1 <sub>tiger</sub>	was wasn't	a serious problem. a tiger	
	Subject	were(n't)	+ plural	
	2 Steller's sea cows	were	Very big sea mammals	

### there was/were

There

	7	
3 there	11/00	less forest for the gorilla
There	were(n't)	+ plural
There	weren't	any laws. more than a million

+ singular

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saigas

was(n't)

were

there

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct simple past form of be.
  - 1 The dodo \_\_was\_ an unusual bird from Mauritius. It \_\_was\_ one meter tall.
  - 2 Mammoths <u>weren't</u> reptiles; they <u>were</u> mammals.
  - 3 By 2002, there <u>weren't</u> any baiji dolphins. They <u>were</u> extinct.
  - 4 Steller's sea cow <u>wasn't</u> a cow. It <u>was</u> a big mammal and its habitat <u>was</u> the sea.

**3** Read the examples. Circle the correct option to complete the rules.

Yes/No questions	Short answers	
Were they dangerous?	No, they weren't.	
Was the dodo a bird?	Yes, it was.	
Were there any baiji dolphins in Australia?	No, there <b>weren't</b> .	
Wh- questions		
What <b>was</b> the problem? How many saigas <b>were</b> there in 1990?		

- 1 In Yes/No questions, the verb comes **first/second**.
- 2 In Wh- questions, the verb comes **before**/**after** the question word (who, what, why, etc.).
- When we ask questions with there was/were, the verb comes **before** after there.

- 4 Order the words to make questions.
  - 1 was / How / big / rhino / the?
    - How big was the rhino?
  - 2 dangerous / Was / it?
    - Was it dangerous?
  - 3 the / What / rhino's / diet / was?
    - What was the rhino's diet?
  - 4 were / there / rhinos / in / 2011 / many / How?
    - How many rhinos were there in 2011?
  - **5** in Cameroon / there / Were / rhinos ?
    - Were there rhinos in Cameroon?

# **5** Match answers a–e to questions 1–5 in exercise 4.

- a Plants. 3
- **b** None. They were extinct. **4**
- c It was up to 3.8 m long. 1
- **d** Yes, there were. 5
- **e** Yes, because it was so big. 2

## 6 Complete the text with was(n't) or were(n't).

Today on the Fun Facts Forum we answer your questions about

### **PREHISTORIC ANIMALS**



Which 1 <u>Was</u> the most frightening animal? Keisha, Boston



Yes, they 6 <u>were</u>. But they 7weren't the most dangerous! There 8 <u>was</u> an enormous dinosaur-eating crocodile called Deinosuchus.



I think it 2 <u>Was</u> the megalodon, from the shark family. Megalodons 3 <u>Were</u> very dangerous. Their name means 'big tooth'! It <u>Wasn't</u> a good idea to go near them!



**9 Was** the dodo the only flightless bird? Laurie, Vancouver



5 Were dinosaurs the biggest reptiles? Cameron, Glasgow



No, it 10wasn'tThere 11 was a prehistoric bird that was too big to fly! The Ornimegalonyx was more than 9 kg.

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### Unit 6

## Simple past: be

- 1 Reinforcement Circle the correct option.
  - 1 We wasn't weren't at school yesterday.
  - 2 | was/were at home on Sunday afternoon.
  - 3 You was were late for class this morning. Why?
  - 4 It wasn't/weren't cold last weekend.
  - 5 There was were a lot of people at the concert.
  - 6 There was were a thunderstorm last night.

- 1 were / Where / yesterday evening / you?
  - Where were you yesterday evening?
- 2 your parents / Were / at home?
  - Were your parents at home?
- 3 they/Where/were?
  - Where were they?
- 4 your brother / at home / Was?
  - Was your brother at home?
- 5 was/he/Where?
  - Where was he?

Reinforcement Complete the answers.

Then match each answer with a question in exercise 2.

- **a** He <u>was</u> at a restaurant with friends.
- **b** No, he <u>wasn't</u>.
- c They <u>were</u> at work.
- **d** No, they weren't.
- e I was at home, in my room.

Challenge Complete the dialogue wit correct simple past form of be.

1 Mom, where <u>were</u> you in this photo?

On vacation, in Nepal.

2 Was Dad with you?

No, he 3 wasn't. I 4 was with your grandparents.

5 Were there a lot of animals in Nepal?

Yes, there **6 were** rhinos, elephants and tigers!

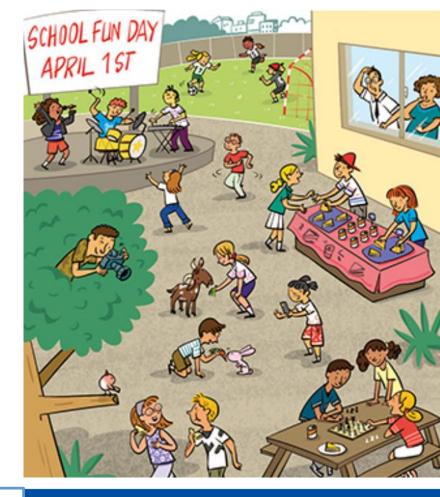
Wow! 7 Was\_ it dangerous?

No, there **8 <u>was</u>** a local guide with us, so we **9 <u>weren't</u>** alone.

10 Was it hot there?

Yes, very hot, but it **11\_was** amazing!

- When was the School Fun
- Was there a field hockey
- Were there any animals?
- 4 Where was the photographer?
- 5 Was there any food?
- 6 Were the students in school
- 7 Where were the teachers?



- 1 When was the School Fun Day? It was on April 1st.
- 2 Was there a field hockey game? No there wasn't. There was a soccer game.
- 3 Were there any animals? Yes, there were. There was a rabbit, a bird and a goat.
- 4 Where was the photographer? He was in a tree.
- 5 Was there any food? Yes, there was.
- 6 Were the students in school uniforms? No, they weren't.
- 7 Where were the teachers? They were in the school.