



ENGLISH

Chapter 6 Session A

2nd
SECONDARY

HOUSE AND HOME
Simple Past




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WRITING

An Interview for a Magazine

1  **27** Read and listen. Then answer the questions.

a What is Molly's favorite room?

b Does she have her own room?

c What is there in her room?

d What does she usually do in there?



My Favorite Room

House and Home Magazine: Molly, tell us about your new apartment.

Molly: My favorite room is my bedroom. When I was little, we lived in a small apartment. There wasn't a dining room and there were only three bedrooms so I shared a bedroom with my sister. Now I have my own room, because our new apartment has four bedrooms. I love it!

House and Home Magazine: Can you describe your bedroom?

Molly: I have the usual things in my bedroom such as a big desk, a green chair and an enormous wardrobe. I also



have fantastic posters on the wall. My favorite piece of furniture is my bed, of course. I often sit in my bedroom on my own and I listen to music. I also read magazines but I don't like studying on my own – it's boring.





LANGUAGE FOCUS

Using Adjectives in a Description

Use adjectives in your writing to give more description:

- *We lived in a **small** apartment.*
... a **big** desk, a **green** chair, an **enormous** wardrobe ...
- *I also have **fantastic** posters on the wall.*

2 Look at the adjectives in the Language Focus. Then answer the questions.

a Do adjectives go before the noun? _____

b Do adjectives have a plural form? _____

3 Rewrite these sentences including the adjectives in parentheses.

a I also have two lamps. (small)

b There are two bookcases. (white)

c I often listen to music in my room. (pop)

- 4** Write about your favorite room. Follow these steps.

Writing an Interview

Step 1 > PLAN

Make notes under three headings:

- a** What is your favorite room?
- b** What is there in this room?
- c** What do you usually do there?

Step 2 > WRITE

Write a first draft. Organize your writing into three questions and three answers. Use your notes from Step 1 and the description on this page to help you.

Step 3 > CHECK

Check your work. Try to include some adjectives.

Step 4 > WRITE

Write your final copy and hand in your work.



Rooms and Furniture

bathroom

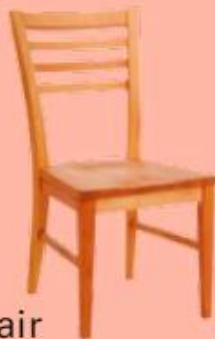


mirror



toilet

dining room



chair



table



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bedroom



bed



wardrobe

kitchen



cabinet



stove



VOCABULARY IN PICTURES

living room



armchair



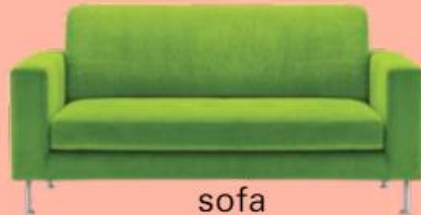
bookcase



desk



lamp



sofa



VOCABULARY IN PICTURES

Gadgets



camera



dishwasher



electric
toothbrush



fridge



laptop



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microwave



mp3 player



remote
control



telephone



washing machine



***be*: Simple Past**

affirmative	
I was You were He / She / It was We were You were They were	on the sofa.

- we use *was / were* to describe situations in the past
He **was** at home yesterday.
They **were** in Paris three weeks ago.



negative

I **wasn't** (was not)

You **weren't** (were not)

He / She / It **wasn't** (was not)

We **weren't** (were not)

You **weren't** (were not)

They **weren't** (were not)

at home.

- we use *not* to form the negative
She **wasn't** (**was not**) in the kitchen.



questions		short answers	
		affirmative	negative
Was I	in the kitchen?	Yes, I was .	No, I wasn't .
Were you		Yes, you were .	No, you weren't .
Was he / she / it		Yes, he / she / it was .	No, he / she / it wasn't .
Were we		Yes, we were .	No, we weren't .
Were you		Yes, you were .	No, you weren't .
Were they		Yes, they were .	No, they weren't .

- the word order is different in questions
You **were** at home yesterday.
Were you at home yesterday?



there was / there were

affirmative

There was a narrow boat here.

There were five chairs.

negative

There wasn't (was not) any heating.

There weren't (were not) any cars.

questions and short answers

Was there a movie theater in your town?

Yes, there **was**. / No, there **wasn't**.

Were there any newsstands?

Yes, there **were**. / No, there **weren't**.



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

- ☒ There were three bedrooms.
- a ☒ There _____ a big bed near the window.
- b ☒ There _____ a wardrobe.
- c ☒ There _____ a table near my bed.
- d ☒ There _____ any chairs.
- e ☒ There _____ lots of books.
- f ☒ There _____ a lamp.

- 2 Complete the text with the verb *be* in the simple past and with *there was / there were*.



This is a picture of our living room. It's a beautiful room now, but it **a** _____ a terrible room a month ago. It **b** _____ a very dark room. The walls **c** _____ black and **d** _____ some horrible pictures on them. Now the living room is completely different. The walls are white and there are some beautiful pictures on them. **e** _____ two old armchairs but **f** _____ a sofa before. **g** _____ a modern TV, either. Now there's a fantastic sofa and there are two new armchairs. We also have a huge TV now, which doesn't appear in the picture.

I love our new living room!

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

There was a big kitchen in our house, but
a _____ a dining room. The kitchen was
my favorite room. It was always warm because
b _____ a very big stove and it was
usually on – my mom and dad were really good
cooks! **c** _____ some cabinets in front of
the stove. **d** _____ any plates in them.
e _____ some cakes and cookies in them,
but there **f** _____ any fruit!

4 Write questions with *Was there / Were there*. Then look at the picture and write short answers.

a a table

b cabinets

c a lamp



4 Write questions with *Was there / Were there*. Then look at the picture and write short answers.

d chairs

e a microwave

f fridge





GRAMMAR CHECK

- 1 Read the text and circle the correct answers.



I **a** ___ a TV show **b** ___ night called *Help My House*. It was about a couple, Sally and Chris, and their kitchen. A team of people **c** ___ at Sally and Chris's house early in the morning. Sally **d** ___ there, but Chris was. He showed them the kitchen. It **e** ___ terrible. There wasn't a stove and there **f** ___ any cabinets. Then the team got to work. Some of them installed cabinets and a new stove, and others **g** ___. Exactly an hour later, everyone **h** ___. Not surprisingly, Sally **i** ___ when she walked into her new kitchen later that day!



	1	2	3
a	watched	'm watching	watch
b	at	last	in
c	arrive	arrived	arrives
d	isn't	weren't	wasn't
e	was	were	is
f	wasn't	aren't	weren't
g	decorate	decorated	are decorating
h	stopped	stops	stoped
i	cries	is crying	cried

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Listen and check your answers.