

ENGLISH

Chapter 17 Session A

1st
SECONDARY

ANIMALS IN DANGER



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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 1 Tasmanian tiger	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	was(n't)	+ singular
3 there	was	less forest for the gorilla
There	were(n't)	+ plural
There 4 there	weren't were	any laws. more than a million saigas

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 weren't reptiles; they were mammals.
- 3 By 2002, there weren't any baiji dolphins. They were extinct.
- 4 Steller's sea cow wasn't a cow. It was a big mammal and its habitat was 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 weren't .
Wh- questions	
What was the problem?	
How many saigas were 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.).
- 3 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 was the most frightening animal?

Keisha, Boston



I think it 2 was the megalodon, from the shark family. Megalodons 3 were very dangerous. Their name means 'big tooth'! It 4 wasn't a good idea to go near them!



5 Were dinosaurs the biggest reptiles?

Cameron, Glasgow



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



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



No, it 10 wasn't. There 11 was a prehistoric bird that was too big to fly! The Ornimegalonyx was more than 9 kg.



Unit 6

Simple past: *be*

1 Reinforcement Circle the correct option.

- 1 We ~~wasn't~~ **weren't** at school yesterday.
- 2 I **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.

2

Reinforcement

Order the words to make questions.

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?

3

Reinforcement

Complete the answers.

Then match each answer with a question in exercise 2.

a He was at a restaurant with friends.

b No, he wasn't.

c They were at work.

d No, they weren't.

e I was at home, in my room.

4 **Challenge** Complete the dialogue with correct simple past form of *be*.

1 Mom, where were 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 was a local guide with us, so we 9 weren't alone.

10 Was it hot there?

Yes, very hot, but it 11 was amazing!

5 **Challenge** Write questions about the picture using the past simple form of *be*.

- 1 When was the School Fun
- 2 Was there a field hockey
- 3 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?



6 **Challenge** Answer the questions in exercise 5.

- 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.**