

ENGLISH

Chapter 5
Week 5

2nd
SECONDARY

THEN AND NOW



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(there) was/were

there was/were

There **was** no popcorn. (+ singular noun)

There **were** two calendars. (+ plural noun)

1 Read the examples and complete the rules.

The cocoa bean **was** important to the Aztecs.

Schools **weren't** only for rich children.

Was the water good for drinking? No, it **wasn't**.

The past of *be* is *I/he/she/it* **1 was** and
you/we/they **2 were**.

not (n't)

To make the negative, add **3** _____ to the verb.

To make a question, change the order of the

4 subject and the verb.

2 Complete the sentences with the simple past form of *be*.

Q: 1 Were you interested in history when you
2 were younger?

A: No, I 3 wasn't . I thought it 4 was boring!

Q: 5 Was there a sports center in your town
20 years ago?

A: Yes, there 6 was , but there 7 weren't
any skate parks.

could

3 Read the examples and circle the correct option.

Both boys and girls **could** go to school.

They **couldn't** grow vegetables on water.

Could they write on paper? Yes, they **could**.

- 1 We use *could* and *couldn't* to talk about **present/past** ability and possibility.
- 2 We **always/never** use *did* and *didn't* in negative sentences and questions.
- 3 After *could* and *couldn't*, we use the **infinitive/base form**.

4 Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't* and the ideas in the box.

become rich and famous buy meat
do exercise vote watch chariot races

- 1 In Ancient Rome, there were gyms, so people ... ***could do exercise.***
- 2 The politicians were all men, and women ... ***couldn't vote.***
- 3 There was a big stadium, where people ... ***could watch chariot races.***
- 4 Fighting was important and gladiators ... ***could become rich and famous.***
- 5 Most people were poor, so they ... ***couldn't buy meat.***

Past time expressions

5 Order the past time expressions from most recent to oldest.

last night

yesterday

a week ago

in June

three years ago

in 2015

when I was five

in the 19th century

- 1** Read the examples. Find two regular and two irregular verbs in the affirmative sentences. How do we form the negative?

Fifty people **lived** in one big longhouse.

REGULAR

Europeans **brought** new illnesses to the islands.

IRREGULAR

People **didn't speak** Haida.

NEGATIVE

In 2017 they **made** the first Haida movie.

IRREGULAR

People **married** someone from the other group.

REGULAR

2 Write the simple past of the verbs in the box.
Look at the Irregular verbs list on pp134–135.

come	came	see	saw
do	did	start	started
get	got	study	studied
go	went	talk	talked

have

had

think

thought

like

liked

work

worked

play

played

write

wrote

read

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 The Maori arrived (**arrive +**) in New Zealand about 700 years ago.
- 2 They went (**go +**) 1,000 miles to New Zealand from Polynesia by boat.
- 3 They didn't have (**have -**) maps: they used (**use +**) the sun and stars to navigate.
- 4 The Maori called (**call +**) the country Aotearoa, which means 'The Land of the Long White Cloud.'
- 5 Europeans didn't arrive (**arrive -**) there until the 1600s.

used to 5 Read the examples and circle the correct option.

There **used to** be about 30,000 Haida.

People **didn't use to** live in individual houses.

Did people **use to** watch movies in Haida?

- 1 We use *used to* to talk about the **past/**
present/future.
- 2 We use *used to* for **states and repeated**
actions/things we did once in the past.
- 3 We only use *used to* in the **simple present/**
simple past.
- 4 After *used to*, we write the verb in the
base form/-ing form.

6 Complete the text about TV in the 1970s with the correct form of *used to*.

Most families in the 1970s only had one TV, so they all **1 used to watch** (**watch** +) in the same room. Remote controls **2 didn't use to exist** (**exist** -), so they couldn't change channels from their chair. People **3 didn't use to have** (**have** -) computers, so you could only watch a series on TV and you **4 used to wait** (**wait** +) a week for the next episode. Because there **5 didn't use to be** (**be** -) many channels, everyone talked about the same shows.

7 Write questions about TV when you were six years old using *used to*.

1

how many hours / watch per day

How many hours did you use to watch per day ?

2

where / watch TV

Where did you use to watch TV ?

3

have / a favourite programme

Did you use to have a favorite show ?

4

what channel / watch

What channel did you use to watch ?

5

watch TV / alone or with other people

Did you use to watch TV alone or with other people ?

9 Circle the correct option.

GRAMMAR ROUND-UP

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Spencer O'Brien is a world champion snowboarder from Canada. Spencer is from the Haida Nation. First Nations people **1 didn't use to become/didn't used to become** top athletes, but now they **2 has/have** more opportunities to compete.

Spencer **3 could to/could** ski when she was only two, but she first tried snowboarding when she **4 were/was** 11. She **5 used to go/use to go** snowboarding for fun, but then she started to train more seriously. Later, Spencer represented Canada in the 2014 and 2018 Olympics® and she **6 wins/won** a gold medal at the 2016 X-Games®. When she **7 isn't competing/doesn't compete**, Spencer loves cooking. She **8 often works/works often** to help young First Nations people in sports too.

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