Demonstrative Determiners

The words **this**, **that**, **these** and **those** are determiners. They are used to tell which thing or person you mean. These words are called **demonstrative determiners**, or **demonstrative adjectives**.





I am keeping **these** books. I am selling **those** books.

James lives in this house.

This ice cream is delicious.
How much is that racket?
What is that animal?
Bring me that ball.
Would you like these apples?



You use **this** and **these** to point to people or things **near** you.

You use **that** and **those** to point to people or things that are **farther** from you.

You use **this** and **that** before singular nouns.

You use these and those before plural nouns.

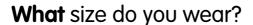
Here's a table to help you remember the rules:

Singular	Plural
this	these
that	those

Interrogative Determiners

Use the words **what**, **which** and **whose** before nouns to ask about people or things. These words are called **interrogative determiners** or **interrogative adjectives**.







What kind of bird is that?

What time is it?

What color is her hair?

What kind of clothes do you like to wear?

Which school do you go to?

Which doll is your favorite?

Which road leads to the zoo?

Which runner is the winner?

Do you know which girl won the prize?

Whose footprints are these?

Whose baby is this?

Whose dog was barking in the middle of the night?



Possessive Determiners

The words my, your, his, her, its, our, their are called possessive determiners or possessive adjectives. Use these words before nouns to say who something belongs to.



I lent Margaret **my** guitar.

Is this your house?

Robert, **your** handwriting is difficult to read.

Michael is showing **his** tortoise to **his** friends.

My sister lost **her** way in the city.

The lion is chasing its prey.

The dentist asked **his** patient to open **her** mouth.



Here is a table to help you remember the possessive determiners.

	Singular	Plural	
First person	my	our	
Second person	your	your	
Third person	his	their	
	her	their	
	its	their	

Fill in the blanks with *a, an* or *the*.

1	_ owl	7	_ moon
2	_rocket	8	_ Missouri River
3	_ apron	9	_ mango
4	_sun	10	_ animal
5	_page	11	_ eagle
6	_ computer	12	_ baby

Exercise 2

Write *a, an* or *the* in the blanks to complete the sentences.

1	There is	rainbow in	sky.
2	Who is	_ man outside	gate?
3	docto	r gave Jane	injection.
4	Paul opened	door to let _	dog in.
5	Mark is	only child in	family.
6	What's	largest animal in _	world?
7	There's	nest in	tree.
8	Sue is writing _	letter to he	r grandfather.
9	Jack has	brother and	sister.
0	We reached	top of	hill in two hours

Fill in the blanks with the correct *demonstrative adjectives*.

1	Come and look at insects.
2	Stop man!
3	I was in fifth grade last year. I am in sixth grade
	year.
4	Bring chairs here.
5	ice cream is delicious.
6	Can you see stars in the sky?
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	he underlined words <i>demonstrative adjectives</i> or
	onstrative pronouns? Write DA (for demonstrative
	ctives) or <i>DP</i> (for demonstrative pronouns) in the
blank	KS.
blank 1	This house has five bedrooms.
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1	This house has five bedrooms.
1	This house has five bedrooms Who is that man?
1 2 3	This house has five bedrooms. Who is that man? This is our school.
1 2 3 4	This house has five bedrooms. Who is that man? This is our school. These are wild animals.
1 2 3 4 5	This house has five bedrooms. Who is that man? This is our school. These are wild animals. That is right.
1 2 3 4 5 6	This house has five bedrooms. Who is that man? This is our school. These are wild animals. That is right. What's that noise?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	This house has five bedrooms. Who is that man? This is our school. These are wild animals. That is right. What's that noise? These books are Jane's.

Choose the correct possessive adjectives from the box to fill in the blanks.

	my its	his our	your their	her
1 Is this Jane's dog? Yes, this is dog.				

- The dog is chasing _____ own tail.
- Peter, is _____ father at home? 3
- 4 Rudy is showing _____ stamps to Ali.
- 5 I am going to _____ aunt's house this evening.
- 6 We always keep classroom clean.
- 7 Children, have you all finished _____ homework?
- The children are proud of school.

Exercise 6

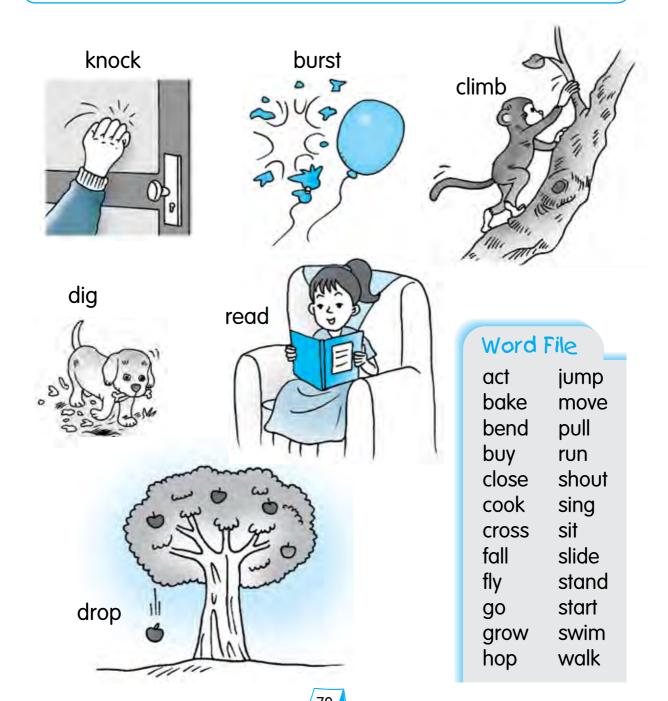
Choose the correct interrogative adjectives from the box to fill in the blanks.

	what	which	whose
1	kind	of animal is the	at?
2	runn	er is the winne	r?
3	is the matter?		
4	desk is this?		
5	hand	dphone is ringir	ng?
6	is yo	ur name?	
7	twin	is taller?	

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Verbs and Tenses

Most **verbs** are **action words**. They tell you what people, animals or things are doing.



The Simple Present Tense

The **simple present tense** expresses a general truth or a customary action.



Uncle Joe wears glasses.



The sun **rises** in the east.



Ducks love water.



The children **go** to school by bus.

Mary enjoys singing.

Peter sometimes **lends** me his bike.

Cows eat grass.

Monkeys like bananas.

Tom **collects** stamps.

The earth **goes** around the sun.

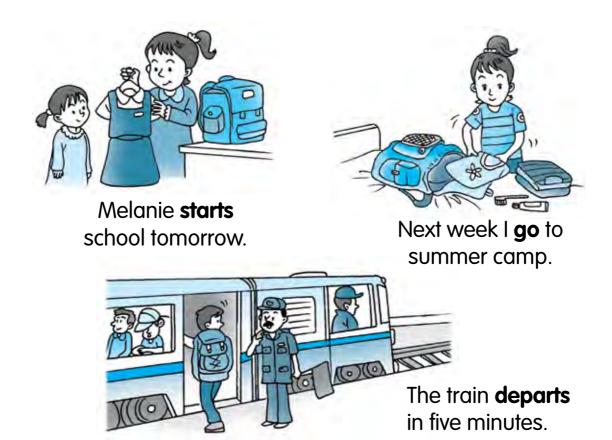
It often **snows** in winter.

We always wash our hands before meals.

We **eat** three meals a day.

Father **takes** the dog for a walk every morning.

Use the simple present tense to talk about things that are planned for the future.



We join the senior scout troop in July this year.

My big brother leaves school at 4 o'clock.

The new supermarket opens next Friday.

The new grammar book comes out in September.

Grandad retires next year.

We **fly** to London next Thursday.

The plane **lands** at 5:30 P.M.

We **move** to our new house in a month.

My big sister **begins** her summer job next week.

Underline the verbs in the following sentences.

- 1 The children go to school by bus.
- 2 Bats sleep during the day.
- 3 These toys belong to Kathy.
- 4 Every pupil has a good dictionary.
- 5 Polar bears live at the North Pole.
- 6 Most children learn very fast.
- 7 Mr. Thomas teaches us science.
- 8 The earth goes around the sun.
- 9 We never cross the street without looking.
- 10 Many stores close on Sunday.

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the *simple present tense* of the verbs in parentheses.

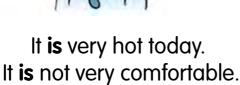
1	Winter	after autumn. (come)
2	A dog	. (bark)
3	You tir	ed. (look)
4	Everyone	mistakes. (make)
5	Ali in o	a department store. (work)
6	JudyE	nglish very well. (speak)
7	Tim's knee	(hurt)
8	Monkeys	bananas. (like)
9	Kate always	sandwiches for lunch. (eat
10	He vei	ry fast. (type)

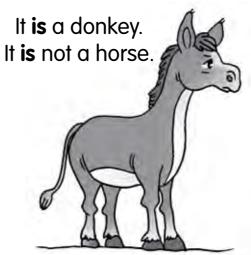
Am, Is and Are

The words **am**, **is**, **are** are also verbs, but they are not action words. They are the simple present tense of the verb **be**.

Use **am** with the pronoun **I**, and **is** with the pronouns **he**, **she** and **it**. Use **are** with the pronouns **you**, **we** and **they**.







Lam Peter. Lam not Paul.

She is Miss Lee. She is a teacher.

He **is** my father. He **is** a doctor. He **is** not a lawyer.

You are a stranger. You are not my friend.

We are in the same class, but we are not on the same team.

They **are** good friends. They **are** not enemies.





Here's a table to help you remember how to use **am**, **is** and **are**:

	Singular	Plural
First person	Iam	we are
Second person	you are	you are
Third person	he is	they are
	she is	they are
	it is	they are

Learn these short forms called contractions:

I am = I'm they are = they're

you are = you're we are = we're

he is = he's

she is = she's

it is = it's

am not = aren't (only in questions)

is not = isn't

are not = aren't

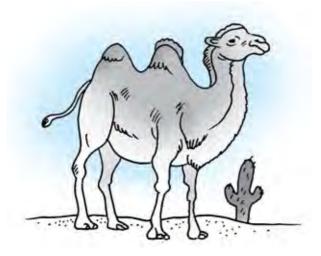
In questions, use **aren't** as a contraction of **am not**. For example, you can say:

I'm taller than you, aren't !?

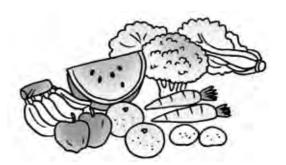
But in a statement you say:

I'm not as old as you.

Use the verb **is** with singular nouns and **are** with plural nouns.



The camel is a desert animal.



Vegetables and fruit **are** healthy foods.



Lambs are baby sheep.

Kenneth is a lawyer.

Rex is a clever dog.

A duck is a kind of bird.

The playground is full of people today.

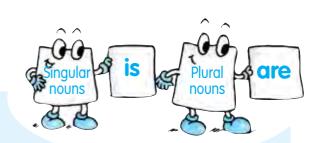
My house is near the school.

These questions **are** too difficult.

The balloons **are** very colorful.

Those people **are** very busy.

Dad and Mom are in the kitchen.



Use **is** and **are** with the word **there** to say what you can see and hear.



There is a castle on the hill. **There are** some clouds in the sky.



There is a wasps' nest in the tree.

There is a fence around the school.

There are a lot of books in the library.

There are two guards at the gate.

Is there any food in the fridge?

Are there any apples left on the tree?

How much rice is there?

There are a few sharks in the bay.

There are enough candies for everyone, aren't there?

There are two pigeons on the roof.



Learn this contraction:

there is = there's

Fill in the blanks with am, is or are.

- 1 They _____ my good friends.
- 2 He _____ a soldier.
- 3 You _____ taller than Charlie.
- 4 She ill.
- 5 We _____ very hungry.
- 6 It _____ a sunny day.
- 7 I _____ angry with Joe.
- 8 You _____ all welcome to my house.

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with is or are.

- 1 John's dog _____ very friendly.
- 2 Robert _____ ten years old.
- 3 These flowers _____ very pretty.
- 4 The two schools _____ close to each other.
- 5 Math _____ not a very difficult subject.
- 6 _____ dinner ready?
- 7 This computer _____ very easy to use.
- 8 All the windows _____ open.
- 9 Sue and Jane _____ neighbors.
- 10 His hair _____ curly.

Fill in the blanks with There is or There are.

1	a fence around the barn.
2	trees along the road.
3	a rainbow in the sky.
4	lots of parks in our town.
5	nothing in the cupboard.
6	not many bedrooms in the new house.
7	lots of mistakes on your test paper.
8	a wasps' nest in the tree.
9	ants in the cookies.
10	many different kinds of animals
	in the zoo.
11	plenty of food on the table.
11 12	plenty of food on the table a church on the hilltop.
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12	a church on the hilltop.

The Present Progressive Tense

When do you use the **present progressive tense**? To talk about actions in the present, or things that are still going on or happening now.



The phone is ringing.

I'm playing chess with my friend.

She's riding a horse.

He's taking a walk in the park.

The man's counting the money.

They are practicing tai chi.

We're rushing to the airport to meet Mr. Smith.

They are still sleeping.

They **are swimming** in the sea.

What are they doing?

What's happening?

Why aren't you doing your homework?

Aren't I sitting up straight?





Form the present progressive tense like this:

am + present participleis + present participleare + present participle

▶ The present participle is the form of a verb ending with -ing. For example:

show + ing = showing come + ing = coming

You have to double the last letter of some verbs before you add -ing. For example:

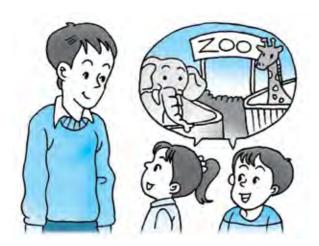
get + ing = getting rob + ing = robbing nod + ing = nodding stop + ing = stopping jog + ing = jogging swim + ing = swimming

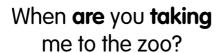
Notice that the verbs above are all short verbs of just one syllable.

They all end with a **consonant** such as **b**, **d**, **g**, **m**, **p**, **t** and have only **one vowel** before the consonant.

If a verb ends in **e**, you usually have to drop the **e** before you add -**ing**. For example:

chase + ing = chasing cycle + ing = cycling drive + ing = driving smile + ing = smiling Use the present progressive tense to talk about things you have planned to do, or things that are going to happen in the future. To form the present progressive tense, use **am**, **is** and **are** as **helping verbs** or **auxiliary verbs**.







We **are having** a barbecue later this evening.

We are going camping tomorrow.

I'm starting piano lessons soon.

Jim's parents are taking him to Texas next week.

My favorite TV program is starting in a minute.

All our friends are coming.

Who's bringing salad for the barbecue? I am.

I am visiting Joe next week.

Where **are** you **going** for your vacation?

What are we eating for dinner?

Write the *present participle* of these verbs on the blanks.

1	come	 7	go	
2	run	 8	ask	
3	sleep	 9	catch	
4	fall	 10	write	
5	jump	 11	drop	
6	climb	 12	bring	

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the *present progressive tense* of the verbs in parentheses.

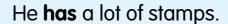
1	They	the rolle	er-coaster ride. (enjoy)
2	Jill	her hair. (v	vash)
3	lt	dark. (get)	
4	The dentist	Sı	ue's teeth. (examine)
5	The train	thro	ough the tunnel. (pass)
6	The men	very	hard in the sun. (work)
7	What	_ the theater	today? (show)
8	We	a snown	nan. (make)
9	The plane	ak	pove the clouds. (fly)
0	The teachers		a meeting. (have)

Have and Has

The verbs **have** and **has** are used to say what people own or possess. They are also used to talk about things that people do or get, such as illnesses. These words are the simple present tense of the verb **have**.



We have breakfast at 7:00 A.M.



She has long hair.

Our house has large windows.

I have a younger brother.

We **have** art lessons on Mondays.

Have a cookie, if you like.

Dad has a cold.

Jenny often **has** sandwiches for lunch.



Peter has a sore knee.



Monkeys **have** long tails.



Use has with he, she, it, and with singular nouns. Use have with I, you, we, they, and with plural nouns.

Here is a table to help you remember the rules:

		Plural
First person	I have	we have
Second person	you have	you have
Third person	he has she has	they have they have
	it has	they have

Learn these contractions:

I have	ľve
you have	you've
he has	he's
she has	she's
it has	it's
we have	we've
they have	they've
have not	haven't
has not	hasn't

Fill in the blanks with have or has.

- 1 We _____ a new science teacher.
- 2 He _____ a bad temper.
- 3 Loften fruit for dessert.
- 4 You _____ a good chance of winning the prize.
- 5 She always _____ oatmeal for breakfast.
- 6 The broom _____ a blue handle.
- 7 They never _____ any problem with tests.

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with have or has.

- 1 The girls _____ golden hair.
- 2 An insect _____ six legs.
- 3 Dad _____ his cell phone with him.
- 4 The children _____ a new swing set.
- 5 Many poor people _____ nothing to eat.
- 6 Chicago _____ a very big airport.
- 7 A triangle _____ three sides.
- 8 The man _____ two daughters.
- 9 James a toothache.
- 10 All the passengers _____ their tickets.

The Present Perfect Tense

Use the **present perfect tense** to talk about happenings in the past that explain or affect the present. The verbs **have** and **has** are used as "helping" or auxiliary verbs to form the present perfect tense.





Sam **has scored** two goals.

I've just finished my shower.

Uncle Tom has lost his wallet.

John has gone out.

The Lees have moved to Ohio.

It has not rained for months.

Have you found your keys yet?

Tim **has made** two spelling mistakes.

They **have opened** a new shop.



To form the **present perfect tense** join **have** or **has** to the past participle of the verb:

have + past participle

has + past participle

The **past participle** of a regular verb usually ends in -ed, just like the simple past tense. But the past participles of irregular verbs don't follow this rule.

Write the *past participle* of these verbs on the blanks.

1	break	6	buy
2	drink	7	find
3	cut	8	draw
4	do	9	hear
5	sing	10	know

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the *present perfect tense* of the verbs in parentheses.

1	Dad	_ his car key. (lose)
2	All the guests	(arrive)
3	Tony	_ a goal. (score)
4	Peter	_ in the tent several times. (sleep)
5	It not _	for two months. (rain)
6	Some prisoners	from the prison. (escape)
7	The plane	at the airport. (land)
8	John	_ a puppet. (make)
9	Dad and I	a big fish. (catch)
0	I thi	is movie twice. (see)

The Simple Past Tense

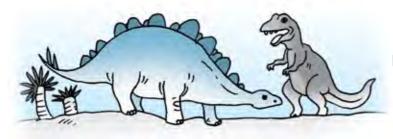
Use the **simple past tense** to talk about things that happened in the past. The simple past tense is also used to talk about things that happened in stories.



The wicked Queen **gave**Snow White a poisoned apple.



Pinocchio's nose **grew** longer every time he told a lie.



Dinosaurs **lived** millions of years ago.

I **bought** a new camera last week.

Joe learned to play the guitar very quickly.

We **drove** to the safari park last weekend.

The giant panda **gave** birth to a cub last night.

Yesterday Dad **took** me to the carnival.

The plane **landed** a few minutes ago.

The children **visited** a farm during the holidays.

Who **invented** the computer?

Jack and Jill went up the hill.

Little Red Riding Hood **decided** to visit her grandmother.

The Three Bears **found** Goldilocks asleep in their house.

Regular and Irregular Verbs

The simple past tense of most verbs ends in -ed. These verbs are called **regular verbs**.

Spelling File

Base Form	Simple Past
aim	aimed
bake	baked
open	opened
happen	happened
pull	pulled
push	pushed
scold	scolded
shout	shouted
visit	visited
wait	waited
walk	walked
work	worked



Who **closed** all the windows?



It **snowed** last night.

Mom **opened** the door for us.

Sally **petted** the dog.

That event **happened** long ago.

We **visited** our uncle last week.

They **walked** to school together yesterday.

They worked until twelve last night.

Dad **tried** to fix the light.

William Tell aimed at the apple on his son's head.



The **simple past tense** is usually formed by adding **-ed** to the verb. For example:

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jump + ed = jumped lift + ed = lifted laugh + ed = laughed look + ed = looked
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▶ If the verb ends with -e, just add -d. For example:

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agree + d = agreed hate + d = hated
die + d = died live + d = lived
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Remember these spelling rules: You must double the last letter of some verbs before adding -ed. For example:

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fan + ed = fanned pat + ed = patted
grab + ed = grabbed rip + ed = ripped
nod + ed = nodded slam + ed = slammed
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- Notice that the verbs above are all **short verbs** of just **one syllable**. They all end with a **consonant** such as **b**, **d**, **m**, **n**, **p**, **t**, and have only a **single vowel** before the consonant.
- With verbs that end in -y, change the y to i before adding -ed. For example:

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bury + ed = buried fry + ed = fried

carry + ed = carried hurry + ed = hurried

cry + ed = cried try + ed = tried
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The simple past form of some verbs does *not* end in **-ed**. Such verbs are called **irregular verbs**.

The simple past tense of some irregular verbs does *not* change at all.



David **hurt** his foot when he jumped over the drain.



The worker **cut** down the tree this morning.



Her ring **cost** only 10 dollars.

He **hit** the ball over the net. Dad **read** to us last night. He **shut** the door.

I **put** some sugar in my coffee.

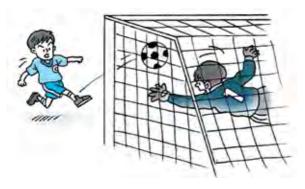
Spelling File

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Base Form	Simple Past
beat	beat
burst	burst
cost	cost
cut	cut
hit	hit
hurt	hurt
put	put
read	read
split	split
shut	shut

Most irregular verbs, however, take a different form in the simple past tense.



Sam **bent** the stick in two.



Spelling File

Base Form	Simple Pas
bend	bent
break	broke
bring	brought
buy	bought
fall	fell
fly	flew
get	got
hear	heard
keep	kept
lose	lost
sell	sold
shoot	shot
sleep	slept

Tom **shot** and scored a goal.

I lost my pen on the bus.

We **sold** our car last week.

The baby **slept** right thought the night.

Peter got a watch for his birthday.

I **heard** a noise in the night.

He **brought** his pet mouse to school.

My book fell off the desk.



A bird **flew** into the classroom.

Write the *simple past tense* of these verbs on the blanks.

1	take	 7	tell	
2	walk	 8	write	
3	rain	 9	sit	
4	shut	 10	read	
5	open	 11	close	
6	cry	 12	cook	

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct *simple past tense* of the verbs in parentheses.

1	She	_ home alone. (go)
2	The wind	throughout the night. (blow)
3	An apple	on his head. (drop)
4	The Princess's be	all into the well. (roll)
5	A frog back to her. (jum	into the well and itnp/bring)
6	Jack class. (get)	the highest grade in his English
7	The party	at 8:00 P.M. (begin)
8	He one. (sell/buy)	his old car and a new
9	Jack	up the ladder carefully. (climb)
0	Who	all the windows? (shut)

Was and Were

The verbs was and were are also forms of the verb be. Was is the simple past tense of am and is. Use was with the pronouns **I**, **he**, **she** and **it**, and with **singular nouns**.

Edison was a famous inventor.



Beethoven was a German composer.

Sue **was** at the library this morning.

It was very wet on Monday.

Ten years ago she **was** only a baby.

He was not well yesterday.

Last year she **wasn't** tall enough to reach the high shelf.

Samantha was second in the race. wasn't she?

Were is the simple past tense of are. Use were with the pronouns you, we and they, and with plural nouns.

These **were** my best jeans.

The Romans were brave soldiers. They were third in the wheelbarrow race. There **weren't** any clouds in the sky.

Were you still in bed when I phoned?

We were on the same school team.

Those **were** my best jeans.





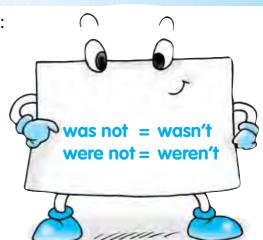
Here is a table to help you remember the rules:

	Singular	Plural
First person	I was	we were
Second person	you were	you were
Third person	he was	they were
	she was	they were
	it was	they were

Here's a table to show you the different forms of the verb **be**:

Simple Present	Simple Past
am	was
ı r are	were
is	was
are	were
are	were
are	were
	are are are

Learn these contractions:



The Past Progressive Tense

Use the **past progressive tense** to talk about actions that were going on at a certain moment in the past.



Mary **was waiting** for the bus when Peter passed by.

Miss May was cleaning the chalkboard.

Sally **was packing** her books into her schoolbag.

Jenny and I **were tidying** the classroom.

The twins **were fighting** in the corner.

Michael and John were washing the paint brushes.

Mom **was cooking** our supper when I came home.



You form the **past progressive tense** like this:

was + present participle

were + present participle

In the examples above, was and were are called helping verbs, or auxiliary verbs. They help to form the past progressive tense when you join them to the present participle (the form of verbs ending in -ing). For example:

Ben **was doing** his homework.

Peter **was making** a model of a bridge.



Fill in the blanks with was or were.

1	Weth	ne champions last year.
2	Where is James	? He here just now.
3	Mom and Dad _	on vacation last week.
4	The weather	fine this morning.
5	There	a lot of people at our party yesterday.
6	There	a small lake here many years ago.
7	Hesic	ck yesterday.
8	Don't blame him	n. It my mistake.
Vhe hild	ren doing? Fill in	ed into the class what were the the blanks with the correct <i>past</i> he verbs in brackets.
1	James	to Peter. (talk)
2	Sue	a storybook. (read)
3	Rudy	the chalkboard. (erase)
4	David	his math exercise. (do)
5	Peter	Joe his new watch. (show)
6		
	Jane	a horse in her notebook. (draw)
7		a horse in her notebook. (draw) for his pencil. (look)