

## 9B simple past: *be*

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simple past: *be* ☐ and ☐

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<b>I was</b> a teacher. <b>You were</b> at work last night. <b>She was</b> at school yesterday. <b>It was</b> cold last week. <b>We were</b> at the gym. <b>You were</b> late. <b>They were</b> in London.	<b>I wasn't</b> a teacher. <b>You weren't</b> at work last night. <b>He wasn't</b> at home yesterday. <b>It wasn't</b> cold last week. <b>We weren't</b> at the gym. <b>You weren't</b> late. <b>They weren't</b> in London.

- Use *was* / *were* to talk about the past.
- Present to past: *am* / *is* > ***was***, *are* > ***were***  
*He is* at home today. > *He was* at home yesterday.
- *wasn't* = *was not*; *weren't* = *were not*

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Question	Verb	Subject	
	<b>Were</b>	<b>you</b> late?	Yes, <b>I was</b> . / No, <b>I wasn't</b> .
	<b>Was</b>	<b>she</b> a waitress?	Yes, <b>she was</b> . / No, <b>she wasn't</b> .
<b>Where</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>you</b> yesterday?	I was at the beach.
<b>When</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>he</b> at the gym?	About 3:30 yesterday.

- Word order:  
☐ Subject, verb  
**You were** in China.  
☐ Verb, subject  
**Were you** in China?  
☐ Question, verb, subject  
**When were you** in China?



### Simple past time expressions

You can use the simple past with these time expressions: *this morning*, *yesterday*, *last night*, *last week*, *last month*, *last year*.

*He was* at the gym **this morning**.

*She wasn't* at school **last week**.