



Past simple: Be

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Past simple: Be (was / were)

1. **Was** is the past form of **am** and **is**.

He **was** the leader.

Was I asleep?

Who **was** Robin Hood?

2. **Were** is the past of **are**.

They **were** famous for robbing rich people.

Were you there?

Who **were** the Merry Men?

3. Use **wasn't** (**was not**) and **weren't** (**were not**) for the negative.

This **wasn't** true.

They **weren't** robbers.

| | Statement ✓ | Negative ✕ |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| I / He / She / It | was | was not (wasn't) |
| You / We / They | were | were not (weren't) |

4. Make questions and short answers as follows:

| Question ? | | Short answer ✓✕ |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Was I / he / she / it | a robber? | Yes, (he) was . No, (he) wasn't . |
| Were you / we / they | Famous? | Yes, (they) were . No, (they) weren't . |
| Who was he? | | |
| Where were you? | | |

*** was / were born**

Shakespeare **was born** in 1564 and died in 1616.