VERB BE IN PAST

WAS-WERE



Now Robert is at work.

At midnight last night he wasn't at work.

He was in bed. He was asleep.

am/is (present) → was (past):

- ☐ I am tired. (now)
- ☐ Where is Kate? (now)
- ☐ The weather **is** good today.

are (present) → were (past):

- ☐ You are late. (now)
- ☐ They aren't here. (now)

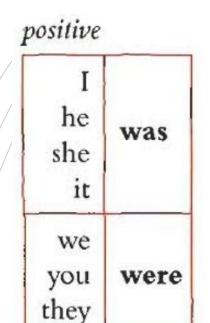
I was tired last night.

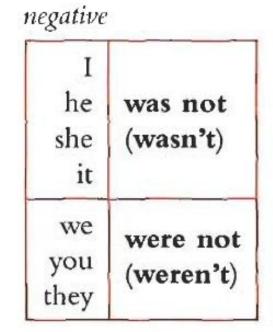
Where was Kate yesterday?

The weather was good last week.

You were late yesterday.

They weren't here last Sunday.





	I?
was	he?
	she?
	it?
were	we?
	you?
	they?

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- ☐ Last year Rachel was 22, so she is 23 now.
- ☐ When I was a child, I was afraid of dogs.
- ☐ We were hungry after the journey, but we weren't tired.
- ☐ The hotel was comfortable, but it wasn't expensive.
- ☐ Was the weather nice when you were on holiday?
- ☐ Your shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- □ Why were you late this morning?

Short answers

Yes, I/he/she/it was. we/you/they were.

No, I/he/she/it wasn't. we/you/they weren't.

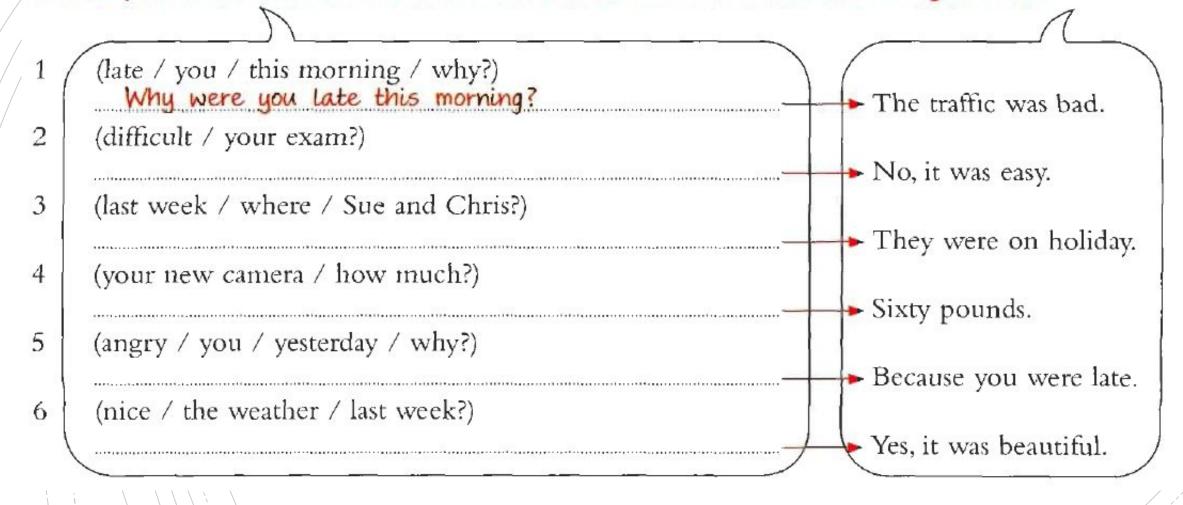
- ☐ 'Were you late?' 'No, I wasn't.'
- "Was Ted at work yesterday?" 'Yes, he was.'
- "Were Sue and Steve at the party?" 'No, they weren't."

Write am/is/are (present) or was/were (past). 1 Last year she was 22, so she 5 23 now. 2 Today the weather nice, but yesterday it very cold. 3 I hungry. Can I have something to eat? 4 I feel fine this morning, but I very tired last night. 5 Where you at 11 o'clock last Friday morning? 6 Don't buy those shoes. They very expensive. 7 I like your new jacket. it expensive? 8 This time last year I in Paris. Write was/were or wasn't/weren't. 1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small and it wasn't clean. 2 Mark _____ at work last week because he _____ ill. He's better now. 5 'Where are my keys?' 'I don't know. They on the table, but they're not there now. 6 You _____ at home last night. Where ____ you?

A. Put the correct form of the verb "to be" (was/were) in the past tense in the following sentences.

1. Judy	sick yesterday.
2. We	in the same class last year.
	ired after a long day at work.
4. The weather	beautiful yesterday.
5. Last semester my teachers	svery good.
	hungry after so much exercise.
7. The wind	very strong last night.
8. She	very happy last week.
9. They	nervous on the first day of school.
10. Luckily, the windows	closed during the rain storm.
11. We	very happy to get your letter last week.
12. The boys	tired after the ball game.
B. Put the correct negative	form of the verb "to be" (wasn't/ weren't) in the following sentences. at school yesterday because it was Saturday.
2. He	
	happy to see her boyfriend with another girl.
4. Bonnie	at home last night when I called her.
5. The teacher	

Write questions from these words + was/were. Put the words in the right order.



there was / there were (past)



There is a train every hour.

The time now is 11.15.

There was a train at 11 o'clock.

Compare:

there is/are (present)

- ☐ There is a good film on TV tonight.
- ☐ We are staying at a very big hotel.

 There are 550 rooms.
- ☐ Are there any phone messages for me this morning?
- ☐ I'm hungry, but there isn't anything to eat.

there was/were (past)

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Write there was / there wasn't / was there or there were / there weren't / were there.

1	I was hungry, but there wasn't anything to eat.
2	Were there any phone messages for me yesterday?
3	I opened the envelope, but it was empty nothing in it.
4	'We stayed at a very nice hotel.' 'Really? a swimming pool?'
5	'Did you buy any eggs?' 'No, any in the shop.'
6	The wallet was empty. any money in it.
7	' many people at the meeting?' 'No, very few.'
8	We didn't visit the museum. enough time.
9	I'm sorry I'm late. a lot of traffic.
10	Twenty years ago many tourists here. Now there are a lot