

Simple Past

Structures

Verb to be

I	Was	I	Wasn't
You	Were	You	Weren't
He	Was	He	Wasn't
She	Was	She	Wasn't
It	Was	It	Wasn't
We	Were	We	Weren't
They	Were	They	Weren't

Wasn't = was not
Weren't = were not

			Yes	No
Was	I		I Was	I Wasn't
Were	You		You Were	You Weren't
Was	He		He Was	He Wasn't
Was	She	Busy?	She Was	She Wasn't
Was	It		It Was	It Wasn't
Were	We		We Were	We Weren't
Were	They		They Were	They Weren't

Rest of the verbs

I	I
You	You
He	He
He	He
She	She
She	She
It	It
It	It
We	We
We	We
They	They
They	They

I	I
You	You
He	He
He	He
She	She
She	She
It	It
It	It
We	We
We	We
They	They
They	They

		Yes	No
I	I	I	I
You	You	You	You
He	He	He	He
He	He	He	He
She	She	She	She
She	She	She	She
It	It	It	It
It	It	It	It
We	We	We	We
We	We	We	We
They	They	They	They
They	They	They	They

Simple Past Uses

1. Use the simple past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past.

Someone tried to invade my house yesterday.

2. We use the simple past to list a series of completed actions in the past. These actions happened 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.

The man opened the door, and then he came in and took our money.

3. The simple past can be used with a duration which starts and stops in the past. Duration is a longer action often indicated by expressions such as: for two years, for five minutes, all day, all year, etc.

Our dog was sick for two weeks.