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## LANGUAGE FOCUS • was, were • there was, there were

I can write about significant events in the past.

### was, were

1 Complete the sentences with **was**, **were**, **wasn't** or **weren't**. Then check your answers in the text on page 36.

- Last week I ..... with my friends in the History Museum of Hồ Chí Minh City.
- The clothes ..... comfortable at all.
- The school trip to the Natural History Museum ..... boring.
- The exhibits ..... really interesting.
- ..... Bluebird strange?  
Yes, it ..... very big and long.

2 Look at the sentences in exercise 1. Then complete the Rules using the correct form of **was** and **were**.

### RULES

- In affirmative sentences, we use **was** or .....
- In negative sentences, we use ..... or **weren't**.
- In **yes / no** questions, we use ..... / **were** + subject + phrase.
- In short answers, we use **yes / no** + pronoun + ..... / **wasn't** or **were / weren't**.

3 Complete the sentences with **was**, **were**, **wasn't** or **weren't**.

Mai and her friends **were** in the History Museum of Hồ Chí Minh City last week. ✓

- The clothing exhibition ..... boring. ✗
- Bluebird ..... a motorbike. ✗
- The Nguyễn Dynasty ..... from 1802 to 1945. ✓
- ..... the Natural History Museum interesting? Yes, it ..... ✓
- ..... the dinosaurs unpopular?  
No, they ..... ✗

4 Write questions and short answers for the sentences in exercise 3.

Were Mai and her friends in the History Museum of Hồ Chí Minh City last week?

Yes, they were.

### there was, there were

5 Choose the correct words.

- There **was** / **were** a car from 1964.
- There **was** / **were** lots and lots of cars.
- There **wasn't** / **weren't** a good café.
- There **wasn't** / **weren't** any exciting animals.

6 Write sentences about an event in your town / city last year. Use **There was** and **There were**. Think about:

the place   the date   the number of people  
music   famous people

It was in the town centre. It was in May last year ...



7 **USE IT!** Write questions with **was** and **were** and the words in the box. Then ask and answer the questions with your partner.

When   Where   Who   What

- ..... you at 8 o'clock this morning?
- ..... your first teacher?
- ..... Lê Quý Đôn?
- ..... your last English test?
- ..... your first visit to a museum?
- ..... the last SEA Games?

Where were you at 8 o'clock this morning?

I was on the bus.

### Finished?

Write quiz questions about the museum on the website you know.