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Past Simple of the verb “to be”

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Abstract

In this presentation you can find the uses, form and structure of the past simple of the verb “to be” as well as some time expressions that you can use with this tense.

Key words

Past, yesterday, was and were.

Was/Were

The past simple of the verb “to be” is **Was/Were**.

- We use **Was** with I, he, she and it.
- We use **Were** with we, you and they.

FORM

We form the **interrogative** with **was/were + subject pronoun**.

- Where was she last night?

FORM

We form the negative with
was/were + not.

- He wasn't at school yesterday.

Time expressions

Yesterday

Last
week/month/year

Two
days/weeks/months/
years ago

In 1976

EXERCISE

- Fill in was, wasn't or were, as in the example.

Were you at the cinema yesterday evening?

No, I _____. I _____ at a party

Who _____ you with?

I _____ with Joe.

How _____ the party?

It _____ very good. Where _____ you?

I _____ at home.

ANSWER KEY

Were you at the cinema yesterday evening?

No, I **wasn't**. I **was** at a party

Who **were** you with?

I **was** with Joe.

How **was** the party?

It **was** very good. Where **were** you?

I **was** at home.

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