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.

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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?
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

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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.
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.
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!