

# was/were

**A**



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** nice today.

I **was** tired **last night**.

Where **was** Kate **yesterday**?

The weather **was** nice **last week**.

**are** (present) → **were** (past):

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

You **were** late **yesterday**.

They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

**B**

Positive	
I he she it	<b>was</b>
we you they	<b>were</b>

Negative	
I he she it	<b>was not</b> <b>(wasn't)</b>
we you they	<b>were not</b> <b>(weren't)</b>

Question	
<b>was</b>	I? he? she? it?
<b>were</b>	we? you? they?

- 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 trip, but we **weren't** tired.
- The hotel **was** comfortable, but it **wasn't** expensive.
- **Was** the weather nice when you **were** on vacation?
- Your shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

**C**

Short answers

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

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

- "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**."

## 10.1 Where were these people at 3:00 yesterday afternoon?



1. Gary was in bed.
2. Jack and Kate \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sue \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. And you? I \_\_\_\_\_

## 10.2 Write *am/is/are* (present) or *was/were* (past).

1. Last year she was 22, so she is 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 11:00 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.
9. "Where \_\_\_\_\_ the children?" "I don't know. They \_\_\_\_\_ here a few minutes ago."

## 10.3 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 \_\_\_\_\_ sick. He's better now.
3. Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday, so the banks \_\_\_\_\_ closed. They're open today.
4. "\_\_\_\_\_ Kate and Bill at the party?" "Kate \_\_\_\_\_ there, but Bill \_\_\_\_\_."
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?

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (late / you / this morning / why?)<br/><u>Why were you late this morning?</u></li> <li>2. (difficult / your exam?)<br/>_____</li> <li>3. (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)<br/>_____</li> <li>4. (your new camera / how much?)<br/>_____</li> <li>5. (angry / you / yesterday / why?)<br/>_____</li> <li>6. (nice / the weather / last week?)<br/>_____</li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The traffic was bad.</li> <li>→ No, it was easy.</li> <li>→ They were on vacation.</li> <li>→ One hundred and twenty dollars.</li> <li>→ Because you were late.</li> <li>→ Yes, it was beautiful.</li> </ul> |
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