

Verb “To Be” Past Tense – Affirmative and Negative

A. Put the correct form of the verb “to be” (was/were) in the past tense in the following sentences.

1. Judy _____ sick yesterday.
2. We _____ in the same class last year.
3. I _____ tired after a long day at work.
4. The weather _____ beautiful yesterday.
5. Last semester my teachers _____ very good.
6. The children _____ hungry after so much exercise.
7. The wind _____ very strong last night.
8. She _____ very happy last week.
9. They _____ nervous on the first day of school.
10. Luckily, the windows _____ closed during the rain storm.
11. We _____ very happy to get your letter last week.
12. The boys _____ tired after the ball game.

B. Put the correct negative form of the verb “to be” (wasn’t/ weren’t) in the following sentences.

1. They _____ at school yesterday because it was Saturday.
2. He _____ hungry at supper time because he ate a big lunch.
3. Carol _____ happy to see her boyfriend with another girl.
4. Bonnie _____ at home last night when I called her.
5. The teacher _____ satisfied with the student’s work.

C. Complete the following sentences with *wasn’t* or *weren’t*.

Ex. I am at work today, but I wasn’t here yesterday.

1. It is cold outside today, but _____.
2. She is sick today, but _____.
3. They are at school today, but _____.
4. The TV show is good today, but _____.
5. The apples are sweet today, but _____.
6. The class is interesting today, but _____.
7. The boss is angry today, but _____.
8. The door is locked today, but _____.
9. The exercises are easy today, but _____.

Past Tense of the Verb “To Be” – Yes/No Questions

Practice making questions and giving short answers with the verb “to be” in the past tense.

Ex. Were you tired last night?

Yes, I was. (I was tired last night.)

1. _____
_____ (It wasn't cold outside yesterday.)

2. _____
_____ (They weren't sick last week.)

3. _____
_____ (Don was at the office last Saturday.)

4. _____
_____ (The car was expensive.)

5. _____
_____ (The children weren't excited.)

6. _____
_____ (The store wasn't open.)

7. _____
_____ (The movie was interesting.)

8. _____
_____ (The food wasn't good.)