

Grammar Past simple: be

1 ★ Choose the correct option.

It was / were hot yesterday.

- We **wasn't** / weren't in the park this morning.
- I **was** / were at school on Friday.
- He **wasn't** / weren't in his bedroom.
- The cakes **was** / were delicious.
- My sister **was** / were at the cinema this evening.

2 ★★ Write was, wasn't, were or weren't.

There **was** a big storm at the weekend. (✓)

- There any socks in my sports bag. (x)
- There a snake in my uncle's car! (✓)
- There three goals in ten minutes. (✓)
- There many good films at the cinema. (x)
- There much chicken in my sandwich. (x)

3 ★★ Complete the questions and short answers.

Then match 1-5 to a-e.

'Were you and Nick at the concert?' f

- '..... Gemma in the bathroom?'
- '..... it sunny yesterday?'
- '..... those jeans expensive?'
- '..... you on the balcony, Dave?'
- '..... Miguel happy?'

- 'Yes, I
- 'Yes, it
- 'No, she
- 'No, they
- 'Yes, he
- ~~f~~ 'No, we weren't.'



4 ★★ Complete the dialogue with the correct past simple forms of be.

Zoë This is a photo of my British great-grandmother, in 1938. In this photo, she **wasn't** in the UK, she (1) in France.

Amy (2) her clothes fashionable in 1938?

Zoë Yes, they (3) There (4) a lot of jackets like this in the 1930s.

Amy Her skirt (5) quite long.

Zoë Yes, it (6) Miniskirts (7) popular in the 1930s!

5 ★★ Write the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

late / You / were / school / for / .

You were late for school.

- The / scary / film / wasn't / .
.....
- There / cars / in the 1920s / many / weren't / .
.....
- Were / in the 1940s / computers / there / ?
.....
- My / was / an / actor / grandfather / .
.....
- on Saturday / there / Was / football match / a / ?
.....
- bands / There / a lot of / at the festival / were / .
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6 ★★ Write past simple questions with be. Then read the text and answer the questions.

There was a fashion show at school yesterday. It was in the hall at 4 p.m. Some students were the models. The clothes were their own designs. There was a great jacket. It was different colours.

there / an event / at school yesterday / ?

Was there an event at school yesterday?

Yes, there was. There was a fashion show.

- the fashion show / in the canteen / ?
.....
- it / in the morning / ?
.....
- the models / teachers / ?
.....
- the designers / students / ?
.....
- there / an unusual jacket / ?
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