

# 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** Ann? (now)
- The weather **is** good today.

I **was** tired **last night**.  
Where **was** Ann **yesterday**?  
The weather **was** good **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 (wasn't)</b>
we you they	<b>were not (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 journey but we **weren't** tired.
- The hotel **was** comfortable but it **wasn't** expensive.
- **Was** the weather good when you **were** on holiday?
- Those shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

C

*short answers*

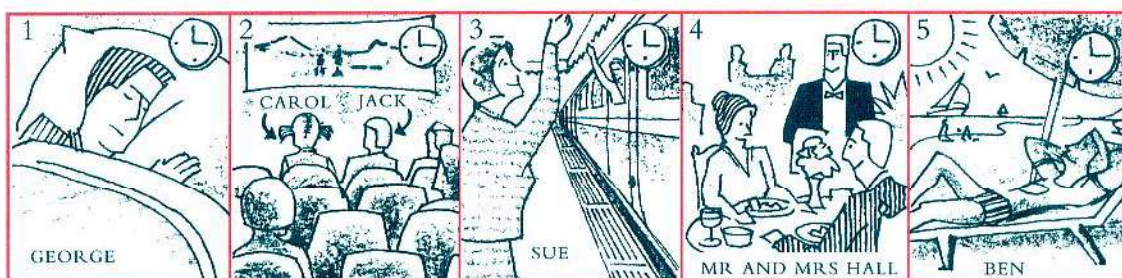
Yes,	I/he/she/it <b>was</b> .
	we/you/they <b>were</b> .

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**.'

EXERCISES

10.1 Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon?



- |   |                      |   |                  |
|---|----------------------|---|------------------|
| 1 | George was in bed.   | 4 | .....            |
| 2 | Carol and Jack ..... | 5 | .....            |
| 3 | Sue .....            | 6 | And you? I ..... |

10.2 Put in **am/is/are** (present) or **was/were** (past).

- Last year she was 22, so she is 23 now.
- Today the weather ..... nice, but yesterday it ..... very cold.
- I ..... hungry. Can I have something to eat?
- I feel fine this morning but I ..... very tired last night.
- Where ..... you at 11 o'clock last Friday morning?
- Don't buy those shoes. They ..... very expensive.
- I like your new jacket. .... it expensive?
- This time last year I ..... in Paris.
- 'Where ..... the children?' 'I don't know. They ..... in the garden ten minutes ago.'

10.3 Put in **was/were** or **wasn't/weren't**.

- We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small and it wasn't very clean.
- George ..... at work last week because he ..... ill. He's better now.
- Yesterday ..... a public holiday so the shops ..... closed. They're open today.
- '..... Sue and Bill at the party?' 'Sue ..... there but Bill .....
- 'Where are my keys?' 'I don't know. They ..... on the table but they're not there now.'
- You ..... at home last night. Where ..... you?

10.4 Write the questions. Use the words in brackets (...) in the correct order + **was/were**.

1	(late / you / this morning / why?) <u>Why were you late this morning?</u>	→	The traffic was bad.
2	(difficult / your exam?) .....	→	No, it was easy.
3	(last week / where / Ann and Chris?) .....	→	They were on holiday.
4	(your new camera / how much?) .....	→	Sixty pounds.
5	(angry / you / yesterday / why?) .....	→	Because you were late.
6	(nice / the weather / last week?) .....	→	Yes, it was beautiful.

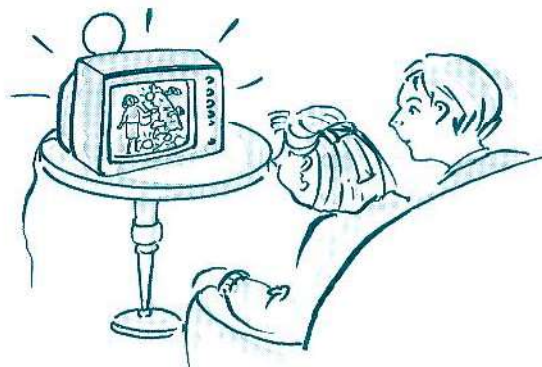
## worked/got/went etc. (past simple)

**A** They **watch** television every evening.  
(present simple)

They **watched** television yesterday evening.  
(past simple)

**watched** is the past simple:

I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>watched</b>
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**B** The past simple is often **-ed** (*regular verbs*). For example:

work → **worked**      clean → **cleaned**      start → **started**  
stay → **stayed**      arrive → **arrived**      dance → **danced**

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1986 to 1993.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **finished** at midnight.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

try → **tried**      study → **studied**      copy → **copied**  
stop → **stopped**      plan → **planned**

**C** Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The past simple is *not -ed*. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendix 2–3):

begin → <b>began</b>	fall → <b>fell</b>	leave → <b>left</b>	sell → <b>sold</b>
break <b>broke</b>	find <b>found</b>	lose <b>lost</b>	sit <b>sat</b>
bring <b>brought</b>	fly <b>flew</b>	make <b>made</b>	sleep <b>slept</b>
build <b>built</b>	forget <b>forgot</b>	meet <b>met</b>	speak <b>spoke</b>
buy <b>bought</b>	get <b>got</b>	pay <b>paid</b>	stand <b>stood</b>
catch <b>caught</b>	give <b>gave</b>	put <b>put</b>	take <b>took</b>
come <b>came</b>	go <b>went</b>	read <b>read</b> /red/*	tell <b>told</b>
do <b>did</b>	have <b>had</b>	ring <b>rang</b>	think <b>thought</b>
drink <b>drank</b>	hear <b>heard</b>	say <b>said</b>	win <b>won</b>
eat <b>ate</b>	know <b>knew</b>	see <b>saw</b>	write <b>wrote</b>

\* pronunciation

- I usually get up early but this morning I **got** up at 9.30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- Jim **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

**EXERCISES**

**11.1** Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs in the past simple:

**clean die enjoy finish happen open rain start stay want**

- 1 I cleaned my teeth three times yesterday.
- 2 It was hot in the room, so I ..... the window.
- 3 The concert ..... at 7.30 and ..... at 10 o'clock.
- 4 When I was a child, I ..... to be a doctor.
- 5 The accident ..... last Sunday afternoon.
- 6 It's a nice day today but yesterday it ..... all day.
- 7 We ..... our holiday last year. We ..... at a very nice place.
- 8 Ann's grandfather ..... when he was 90 years old.

**11.2** Write the past simple of these verbs.

- |                  |               |               |                |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 get <u>got</u> | 4 pay .....   | 7 go .....    | 10 know .....  |
| 2 see .....      | 5 visit ..... | 8 think ..... | 11 put .....   |
| 3 play .....     | 6 buy .....   | 9 copy .....  | 12 speak ..... |

**11.3** Read about Lisa's journey to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday Lisa (1) flew from London to Madrid. She (2) ..... up at six o'clock in the morning and (3) ..... a cup of coffee. At 6.30 she (4) ..... home and (5) ..... to the airport. When she (6) ....., she (7) ..... the car and then (8) ..... to the airport café where she (9) ..... breakfast. Then she (10) ..... through passport control and (11) ..... for her flight. The plane (12) ..... on time and (13) ..... in Madrid two hours later. Finally she (14) ..... a taxi from the airport to her hotel in the centre of Madrid.

fly, get  
have  
leave, drive  
arrive, park, go  
have, go  
wait, depart  
arrive  
take

**11.4** Write sentences about the past (**yesterday / last week** etc.).

- 1 Jim always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- 2 Rachel often loses her keys. She ..... last week.
- 3 Kate meets her friends every evening. She ..... yesterday evening.
- 4 I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I .....
- 5 We usually go to the cinema on Sundays. Last Sunday we .....
- 6 I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I .....
- 7 Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he .....
- 8 Our friends come to see us every Friday. They ..... last Friday.

**11.5** Write sentences about what you did yesterday.

- 1 I played volleyball yesterday.
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

# I didn't ... Did you ... ? (past simple negative and questions)

**A** We use **did** in past simple negatives and questions:

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>positive</i>	<i>negative</i>	<i>question</i>
play start watch have see do go	I we you they he she it <b>played</b> <b>started</b> <b>watched</b> <b>had</b> <b>saw</b> <b>did</b> <b>went</b>	I we you they he she it <b>did not</b> <b>(didn't)</b>	play? start? watch? have? see? do? go? <b>did</b> I we you they he she it

**B** **do/does** (*present*) → **did** (*past*):

- I **don't** watch television very often.
- I **didn't** watch television **yesterday**.
- **Does** she often go away?
- **Did** she go away **last week**?

**C** We use **did/didn't** + *infinitive* (**watch/play/go etc.**):

I **watched** *but* I **didn't watch** (*not* 'I didn't watched')  
 they **went** **did** they **go**? (*not* 'did they went?')  
 he **had** he **didn't have**  
 you **did** **did** you **do**?

- I **played** tennis yesterday but I **didn't win**.
- '**Did** you **do** the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't have** time.'
- We **went** to the cinema but we **didn't enjoy** the film.

**D** Study the word order in questions:

	<b>did</b>	+ <i>subject</i>	+ <i>infinitive</i>	
What	<b>Did</b>	your sister	<b>phone</b>	you?
How	<b>did</b>	you	<b>do</b>	yesterday evening?
Where	<b>did</b>	the accident	<b>happen?</b>	
		your parents	<b>go</b>	for their holiday?

**E** *short answers*

Yes,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>did.</b>	No,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>didn't.</b>
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- '**Did** you see Joe yesterday?' 'No, I **didn't**.'
- '**Did** it rain on Sunday?' 'Yes, **it did**.'
- '**Did** Helen come to the party?' 'No, **she didn't**.'
- '**Did** your parents have a good holiday?' 'Yes, **they did**.'

EXERCISES

12.1 Complete these sentences with the verb in the negative.

- I saw Barbara but I didn't see Jane.
- They worked on Monday but they ..... on Tuesday.
- We went to the post office but we ..... to the bank.
- She had a pen but she ..... any paper.
- Jack did French at school but he ..... German.

12.2 Write questions with **Did ...?**

- I watched TV last night. And you? Did you watch TV last night?
- I enjoyed the party. And you? .....
- I had a good holiday. And you? .....
- I finished work early. And you? .....
- I slept well last night. And you? .....

12.3 What did you do yesterday? Write positive or negative sentences.

- (watch TV) I watched TV. OR I didn't watch TV.
- (get up before 7 o'clock) I .....
- (have a shower) .....
- (buy a magazine) .....
- (eat meat) .....
- (go to bed before 10.30) .....

12.4 Write B's questions. Use:

arrive cost go go to bed late happen have a nice time stay win

1 A: We went to New York last month. B: Where <u>did you stay?</u> A: With some friends.	5 A: We came home by taxi. B: How much ..... ? A: Ten pounds.
2 A: I was late this morning. B: What time ..... ? A: Half past nine.	6 A: I'm tired this morning. B: ..... ? A: No, but I didn't sleep very well.
3 A: I played tennis this afternoon. B: ..... ? A: No, I lost.	7 A: We went to the beach yesterday. B: ..... ? A: Yes, it was great.
4 A: I had a nice holiday. B: Good. Where ..... ? A: To the mountains.	8 A: The window is broken. B: How ..... ? A: I don't know.

12.5 Put the verb in the correct form – positive, negative or question.

- We went to the cinema but the film wasn't very good. We didn't enjoy it. (enjoy)
- Tim ..... some new clothes yesterday – two shirts, a jacket and a pullover. (buy)
- '..... yesterday?' 'No, it was a nice day.' (rain)
- The party wasn't very good, so we ..... long. (stay)
- It was very warm in the room, so I ..... a window. (open)
- 'Did you go to the bank this morning?' 'No, I ..... time.' (have)
- 'I cut my hand this morning.' 'How ..... that?' (do)

## UNIT 8

## 8.1

- 2 No, she isn't.  
Yes, she does.  
She's playing the piano.
- 3 Yes, he does.  
Yes, he is.  
He's cleaning a window.
- 4 No, they aren't.  
Yes, they do.  
They teach.

## 8.2

- 2 don't                      6 do  
3 are                        7 does  
4 does                      8 doesn't  
5 's/is ... don't

## 8.3

- 4 is singing  
5 She wants  
6 do you read  
7 you're/you are sitting  
8 I don't understand  
9 I'm going ... Are you coming  
10 does your father  
11 I'm not listening  
12 He's / He is cooking  
13 doesn't usually drive ... usually walks  
14 doesn't like ... She prefers

## UNIT 9

## 9.1

- 2 he's got                5 it's got  
3 they've got          6 I haven't got  
4 she hasn't got

## 9.2

- 2 Have you got a passport? *or*  
Do you have ...?
- 3 Has your father got a car? *or*  
Does your father have ...?
- 4 Has Carol got many friends? *or*  
Does Carol have ...?
- 5 Have you got any brothers *or*  
sisters? *or* Do you have ...?
- 6 How much money have we got?  
*or* ... do we have?
- 7 What kind of car has Julia got? *or*  
... does Julia have?

## 9.3

- 2 Tina hasn't got a bicycle. / Tina  
doesn't have a bicycle.  
I've got a bicycle. / I have a  
bicycle. *or* I haven't got a  
bicycle. / I don't have a  
bicycle.
- 3 Tina has got long hair. / Tina  
has long hair.  
I've got long hair. / I have long  
hair. *or* I haven't got long  
hair. / I don't have long hair.
- 4 Tina has got two sisters and two  
brothers. / Tina has two....  
(*example answer*) I've got two  
brothers and one sister.

## 9.4

- 3 's got / has got  
4 haven't got  
5 've got / have got  
6 haven't got  
7 hasn't got

## 9.5

- 3 have got four wheels (*or* have  
four wheels)
- 4 's got / has got a lot of friends  
(*or* has a lot of friends)
- 5 've got / have got a toothache.  
(*or* have a toothache)
- 6 hasn't got a key (*or* doesn't have  
a key)
- 7 has got six legs (*or* has six legs)
- 8 haven't got much time (*or* don't  
have much time)

## UNIT 10

## 10.1

- 2 Carol and Jack were at/in the  
cinema.
- 3 Sue was at the station.
- 4 Mr and Mrs Hall were in/at a  
restaurant.
- 5 Ben was on the beach / on a  
beach / at the seaside.
- 6 (*example answer*) I was at work.

## 10.2

- 2 is ... was                6 are  
3 am                        7 Was  
4 was                      8 was  
5 were                      9 are ... were

## 10.3

- 2 wasn't ... was  
3 was ... were  
4 Were ... was ... wasn't  
5 were  
6 weren't ... were

## 10.4

- 2 Was your exam difficult?  
3 Where were Ann and Chris last  
week?  
4 How much was your new  
camera?  
5 Why were you angry yesterday?  
6 Was the weather nice last week?

## UNIT 11

## 11.1

- 2 opened  
3 started ... finished  
4 wanted  
5 happened  
6 rained  
7 enjoyed ... stayed  
8 died

## 11.2

- 2 saw                      8 thought  
3 played                9 copied  
4 paid                    10 knew  
5 visited                11 put  
6 bought                12 spoke  
7 went

## 11.3

- 2 got                      9 had  
3 had                    10 went  
4 left                    11 waited  
5 drove                12 departed  
6 arrived               13 arrived  
7 parked               14 took  
8 went

## 11.4

- 2 lost her keys  
3 met her friends  
4 bought two newspapers  
5 went to the cinema  
6 ate an orange  
7 had a shower  
8 came (to see us)

## KEY TO EXERCISES

### 11.5

*Example answers:*

- I got up late yesterday.
- I met some friends at lunchtime.
- I played tennis.
- I wrote a letter.
- I lost my keys.

## UNIT 12

### 12.1

- didn't work
- didn't have
- didn't go
- didn't do

### 12.2

- Did you enjoy the party?
- Did you have a good holiday?
- Did you finish work early?
- Did you sleep well last night?

### 12.3

- I got up before 7 o'clock. *or*  
I didn't get up before 7 o'clock.
- I had a shower. *or*  
I didn't have a shower.
- I bought a magazine. *or*  
I didn't buy a magazine.
- I ate meat. *or*  
I didn't eat meat.
- I went to bed before 10.30. *or*  
I didn't go to bed before 10.30.

### 12.4

- did you arrive
- Did you win
- did you go
- did it cost
- Did you go to bed late
- Did you have a nice time
- did it happen / did that happen

### 12.5

- bought
- opened
- Did it rain
- didn't have
- didn't stay
- did you do

## UNIT 13

### 13.1

- Carol and Jack were at/in the cinema. They were watching a film.
- Tom was in his car. He was driving.

- Catherine was at the station. She was waiting for a train.
- Mr and Mrs Hall were in the park. They were walking.
- I was in a café. I was having a drink with some friends.

### 13.2

- she was swimming /she was having a swim.
- she was reading a/the newspaper.
- she was cooking (lunch).
- she was having breakfast.
- she was listening to music/... listening to the radio.

### 13.3

- What were you doing
- Was it raining
- Why was Ann driving so fast
- Was Tim wearing a suit

### 13.4

- He was carrying a bag.
- He wasn't going to the dentist.
- He was eating an ice-cream.
- He wasn't carrying an umbrella.
- He wasn't going home.
- He was wearing a hat.
- He wasn't riding a bicycle.

## UNIT 14

### 14.1

- happened ... was painting ... fell
- arrived ... got ... were waiting
- was walking ... met ... was going ... was carrying... stopped

### 14.2

- was studying
- did the post arrive ... came ... was having
- didn't go
- were you driving ... stopped ... wasn't driving
- Did your team win ... didn't play
- did you break the window ... were playing ... kicked ... hit
- Did you see ... was wearing
- were you doing
- lost ... did you get ... climbed

## UNIT 15

### 15.1

- She has closed the door.
- They have gone to bed.
- It has stopped raining.
- He has had a bath.
- The picture has fallen down.

### 15.2

- 've bought / have bought
- 's gone / has gone
- Have you seen
- has broken
- 've told / have told
- has taken
- has she gone
- 've forgotten / have forgotten
- 's invited / has invited
- Have you decided
- haven't seen

## UNIT 16

### 16.1

- He's/He has just got up.
- They've/They have just bought a car.
- The race has just started.

### 16.2

- they've/they have already seen it.
- I've/I have already phoned him.
- He's/He has already gone (away).
- I've/I have already read it.
- She's/She has already started (it).

### 16.3

- The bus has just gone.
- The bus hasn't gone yet.
- He hasn't opened it yet.
- They've/They have just finished their dinner.
- It hasn't stopped raining yet.

### 16.4

- Have you met your new neighbours yet?
- Have you written the letter yet?
- Has he/Tom sold his car yet?