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PAST SIMPLE: TO BE 1

THE PAST OF TO BE: AFFIRMATIVE

This is the past simple of the verb TO BE:

I **was**

We **were**

You **were**

You **were**

He **was**

They **were**

She **was**

It **was**

Look at the **impersonal forms**:

There **was**

There **were**

USES

To talk about **completed activities** in the past:

I **was** at school **yesterday**

Time references:

- Yesterday, yesterday morning, evening...
- Last Monday, week, month, year...
- In 2010, in the 19th century...

Your turn now 1

1. Make affirmative sentences.
2. Use the keywords.
3. Write complete sentences with...
 - was/were
 - there was, there were

Make affirmative sentences 1: John/ doctor's



John **was** at the doctor's

Make affirmative sentences 2: Tom/scared



Tom was scared

Make affirmative sentences 3: We/school



We were at school

Make affirmative sentences 4: **bee/ beehive**



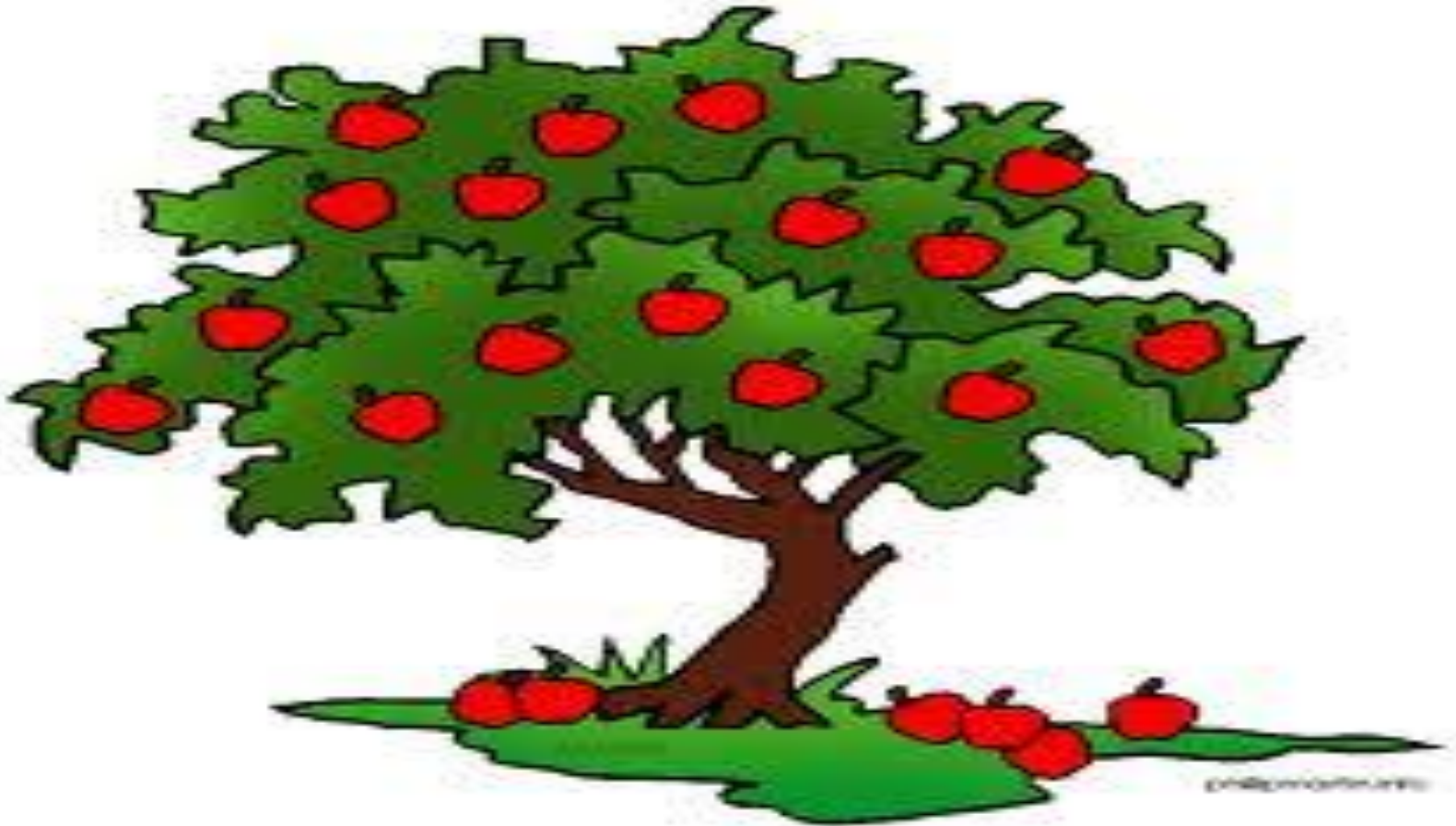
There was a bee behind the beehive

Make affirmative sentences 5: Shakespeare/ English



Shakespeare **was** English

Make affirmative sentences 6: apples/tree



There were a lot of apples in the tree

THE PAST OF TO BE: NEGATIVE

We form the **negative** form of to be like that:

I **was not (wasn't)** We **were not (weren't)**
You **were not (weren't)** You **were not (weren't)**
He **was not (wasn't)** They **were not (weren't)**
She **was not (wasn't)**
It **was not (wasn't)**

Impersonal forms:

There **was not (wasn't)** There **were not (weren't)**

Your Turn now 2

1. Make negative sentences.

2. Use the keywords.

3. Write complete sentences with...

was not (wasn't) /were not (weren't)

there was not (wasn't)

there were not (weren't)

Make negative sentences 1: they/ sad



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They weren't sad

Make negative sentences 2: she/home



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She **wasn't** at home

Make negative sentences 3: He/supermarket



He **wasn't** at the supermarket

Make negative sentences 4: there/8 candles



There weren't eight candles

Make negative sentences 5: Mozart/ Italian



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Mozart **wasn't** Italian

Make negative sentences 6: **We/ London**



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We **weren't** in London

Your Turn now 3

Make these sentences **TRUE** for you: Use **was/were** in the correct form:

1. It Christmas Day yesterday.
2. There 25 students in class.
3. I ill last week.
4. It sunny yesterday morning.
5. I born in 1999.
6. Maths on Monday at 10:35.
7. There a school trip last month.
8. My mother angry yesterday.

Your Turn now 4

Change these sentences from **present** to **past**:

1. I'm hungry →
2. Peter's British →
3. There's a book →
4. We're in class →
5. There are some pens →
6. The children are in the park →
7. Mary's sad →
8. The cat's in the kitchen →