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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

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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)
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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**



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 →