

was/were

A

last night

now



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

I **was** tired **last night**.

Where **was** Kate **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

negative

question

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| I | was |
| he | |
| she | |
| it | |
| we | were |
| you | |
| they | |

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| I | was not (wasn't) |
| he | |
| she | |
| it | |
| we | were not (weren't) |
| you | |
| they | |

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| was | I? |
| | he? |
| | she? |
| | it? |
| were | 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 nice when you **were** on holiday?
- Your shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

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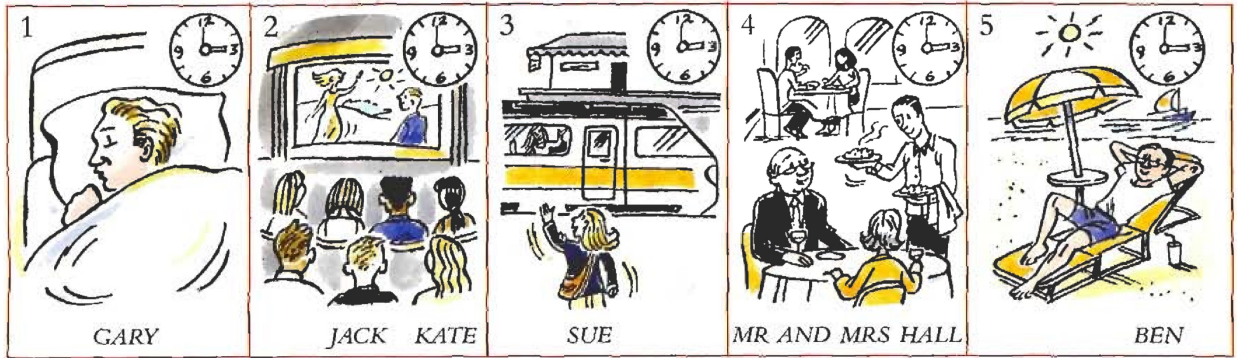
Short answers

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| Yes, | I/he/she/it was . |
| | we/you/they were . |

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| No, | I/he/she/it wasn't . |
| | we/you/they weren't . |

- '**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**.'

10.1 Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon?



- 1 Gary was in bed. 4
- 2 Jack and Kate 5
- 3 Sue 6 And you? I

10.2 Write am/is/are (present) or was/were (past).

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

10.3 Write was/were or wasn't/weren't.

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

10.4 Write questions from these words + was/were. Put the words in the right order.

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| 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 / Sue 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. |