

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

I	was
he	
she	
it	
we	were
you	
they	

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

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?

C

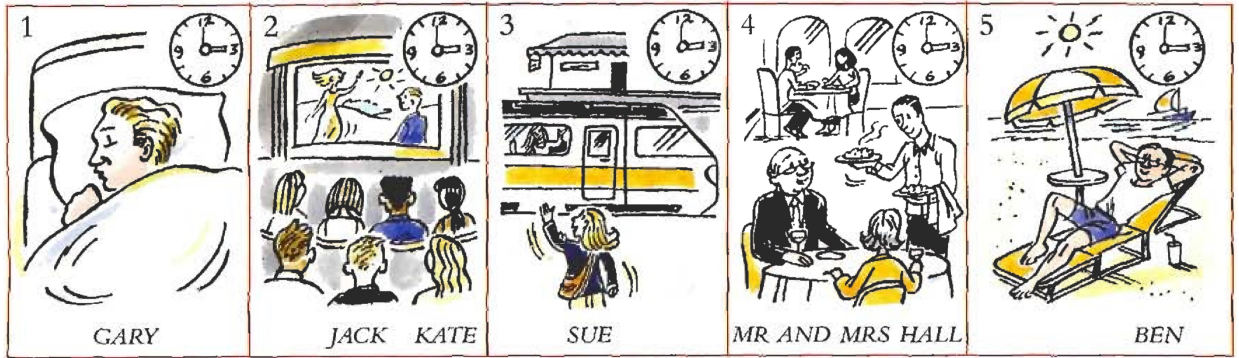
Short answers

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

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. |

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	watched
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The past simple is often **-ed** (regular verbs). For example:

work → worked	dance → danced
clean → cleaned	stay → stayed
start → started	need → needed

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1996 to 2003.
- 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	

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

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

* pronounced 'red'

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9 o'clock.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

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

- I cleaned my teeth three times yesterday.
- It was hot in the room, so I the window.
- The film was very long. It at 7.15 and at 10 o'clock.
- When I was a child, I to be a doctor.
- The accident last Sunday afternoon.
- It's a nice day today, but yesterday it all day.
- We our holiday last year. We at a very nice place.
- Anna's grandfather when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Write the past simple of these verbs.

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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 6 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) there, she (7) the car, (8) to the airport building, and (9) in. Then she (10) breakfast at a café 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
get, park, walk
check, have
wait, depart
arrive, take

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

- James always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- Rachel often loses her keys. She last week.
- Kate meets her friends every evening. She yesterday evening.
- I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I
- We often go to the cinema at weekends. Last Sunday we
- I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I
- Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he
- Our friends often come to see us. They last Friday.

11.5 Write sentences about what you did yesterday.

- I went to the theatre.
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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	I played	I	I
start	we started	we	we
watch	you watched	you	you
have	they had	they	they
see	he saw	he	he
do	she did	she	she
go	it went	it	it
		did not (didn't)	did
		play	play?
		start	start?
		watch	watch?
		have	have?
		see	see?
		do	do?
		go	go?

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:

did + subject + infinitive

What	Did	your sister	phone	you?
How	did	you	do	last night?
Where	did	the accident	happen?	
		your parents	go	for their holiday?

E *Short answers*

Yes,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	did.	No,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	didn't.
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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**.'

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. How about you? Did you watch TV last night ?
- I enjoyed the party. How about you?
- I had a good holiday. How about you?
- I finished work early. How about you?
- I slept well last night. How about 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 for the meeting. 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)
- We were tired, so we long at the party. (stay)
- It was very warm in the room, so I a window. (open)
- 'Did you phone Chris this morning?' 'No, I time.' (have)
- 'I cut my hand this morning.' 'How that?' (do)
- 'Why weren't you at the meeting yesterday?' 'I about it.' (know)