



Let's

Learn

$2+2=4$



A man with short, graying hair and a slight smile is wearing a dark, double-breasted suit jacket over a dark button-down shirt. A bright red pocket square is visible in his jacket. He is standing in a dark environment, possibly a hallway or a stage, with a dark railing in front of him. The background is dark with some out-of-focus lights.

**This is Paghman Jamshidi.
He **is** an actor now .**



BUT



He **was** a footballer.

This is Ronaldo . He **is** rich now.





BUT

He **was** poor.



Joe Biden **is** the president of the United states.





BUT

Donald trump **was** the president of the United states.





to be



was

were

I
he
she
it

+

was

you
we
they

+

were

I was there.

They were happy.

Subject	Tobe verb	Adjective
I She He It	was	happy. shy. sad.
You We They	were	scared. nervous. interested.

1. I __was__ happy last night.

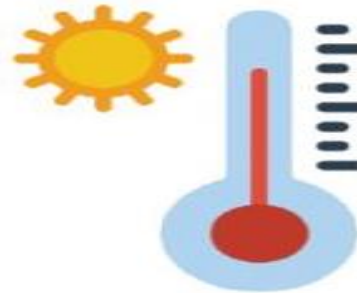


2. It _____ rainy yesterday.



3. They _____ at the beach

4. She _____ sad in the morning.



5. I _____ at school yesterday

6. He _____ very angry with me.

7. It _____ hot yesterday night.



Was or were?

1. My Mum at home.
2. You tired.
3. Sam and Ann at school.
4. I happy.
5. Our friends hungry.
6. The weather hot.
7. The birds red.
8. The clown funny.
9. They fine.
10. His cake delicious.

Subject	To be verb+ not	Adjective
I She He It	Was not (wasn't)	happy. shy. sad.
You We They	Were not (weren't)	scared. nervous. interested.

Tobe verb	Subject	Adjective
Was	I she he it	happy? shy? sad?
Were	you we they	scared? nervous? interested?

Yes,

I/she/he/it

was.

you/we/they

were.

No,

I/she/he/it

was not.

you/we/they

were not.

GRAMMAR

Past simple: *be*

1 Look at the examples from the recording.

+	-	?	Short answers
I was late. It was fantastic! We were really excited. They were really friendly.	Paolo wasn't there. We weren't late.	Were you tired? Was the music good? Where were you?	Yes, we were . Yes, it was .

Now answer the questions.

Are Paolo, Rosa and Joelle talking about *last night* or *every night*?

Do we use *was* and *were* to talk about *now* or *the past*?

2 Look at the examples. Complete the table with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* and *weren't*.

	I / he / she / it <i>was</i> / <i>wasn't</i>		you / we / they <i>were</i> / <i>weren't</i>	
+	1 I _____ happy.		10 You _____ late.	
	2 She _____ tall.		11 They _____ good.	
-	3 I _____ tired.		12 You _____ at school.	
	4 It _____ in my bag.		13 We _____ cold.	
?	5 _____ she nice?	8 Yes, she _____.	14 _____ they good?	17 Yes, they _____.
	6 _____ it interesting?	9 No, it _____.	15 _____ you bored?	18 No, we _____.
	7 Where _____ it?		16 Where _____ your friends?	

3 Correct the sentences. Use *was*, *wasn't*, *were* and *weren't*.

0 Paolo, Joelle and Rosa were at the concert last week.

They weren't at the concert last week. They were at the concert last night.

1 Rosa was late for the bus.

2 The bus was very fast.

3 The concert was at nine o'clock.

4 It was easy to take a photo of the band.

5 Paolo, Joelle and Rosa were tired before the concert.



PRONUNCIATION

was



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4 Listen and repeat.

A: *Where were you on Saturday afternoon?*

B: *I was at a birthday party.*

A: *Was it fun?*

B: *Yes, it was.*

- 4** Write five questions. Begin *Where were you ...?*
Use the words below or your ideas. Then ask and answer with your partner.

*Where were you on Monday evening?
I was at my dance class. It was a lot of fun.*

yesterday / last night / last week /
last Sunday in the morning / on Monday /
on Friday afternoon / on 1st June

picnic dance class tennis lesson
a maths test at home

boring difficult easy exciting
fantastic fun interesting loud

positive +

I / he / she / it **was** happy.

We / you they **were** excited.

questions ?

Was I / he / she / it friendly?

Were we / you they late?

negative -

I / he / she / it **was** happy.

We / you / they **weren't** excited.

short answers

Yes, I / he / she / it **was**.

No, I / he / she / it **wasn't**.

Yes, we / you / they **were**.

No, we / you / they **weren't**.

We use **was** and **were** to talk about the past.

I was late home and my dinner was cold.

My mum wasn't very happy.

Jane and Isaac weren't at home last night.

They were at a concert.

1 Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

0 Were you at the cinema last night?

No, I wasn't.

1 Where _____ you on Saturday night?

2 Is Meg OK? She _____ at school yesterday.

3 I'm sure my homework _____ on the table, but now I can't find it!

4 What _____ your favourite film when you were young?

5 Martha did well in the maths test. The questions _____ very difficult.

6 Your mum and I _____ on holiday in Turkey in this photo.

7 Was Helen at the station the other day? Yes, she _____.

8 Were your parents with you at the concert? No, they _____!

2 Complete the conversation with *was / wasn't* and *were / weren't*.

Anna: Hi, George! Where ¹ you yesterday?
You ² at school!

George: I know. I ³ in London. I ⁴ at
a concert.

Anna: A concert! Lucky you. Who ⁵ the band?

George: Coldplay – it's my favourite band.

Anna: Great. Where ⁶ the concert?

George: It ⁷ at Wembley Stadium.

Anna: ⁸ they good?

George: Yes, they ⁹ They ¹⁰ excellent.
My sister ¹¹ really happy too!

Anna: Oh ¹² she with you?

George: Yes, we ¹³ at the front!

Anna: ¹⁴ it a long concert?

George: Yes, it ¹⁵ about two hours.

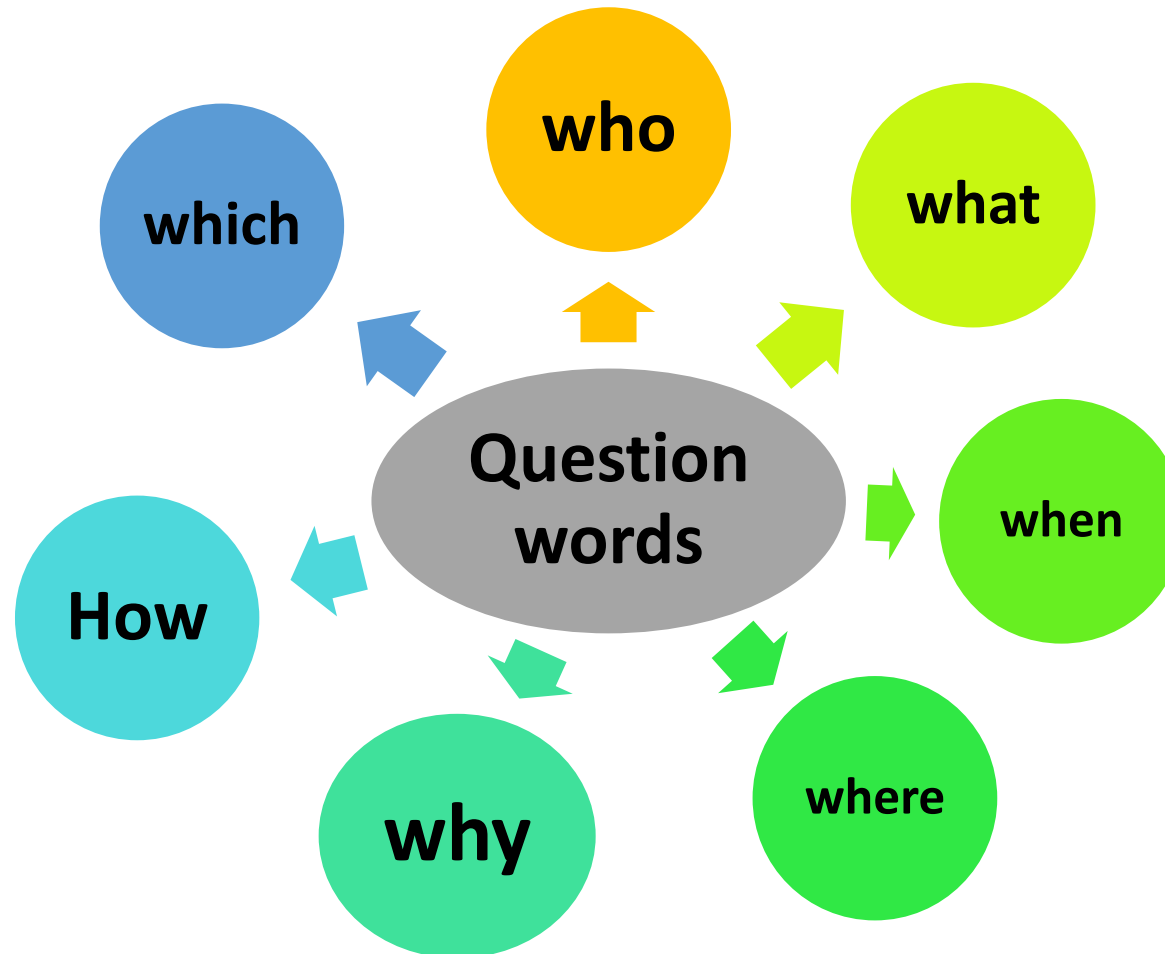
We ¹⁶ really tired at the end.

Wh..... words
Question word

To be verb

Subject

.....?





who



where



what



when



Why

- **Where were you ?**
- **How was she ?**
- **What was it ?**
- **Who were they ?**

1 Match the questions to the answers.

- 1** Where was Sandy last month?
 - 2** Why does Sandy need good shoes?
 - 3** How long are Sandy's work days?
 - 4** How many bags does Sandy take with her on tour?
 - 5** Who was Mr Royce?
 - 6** What does Sandy like about her job?
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- A** Sandy's music teacher.
 - B** 16 hours.
 - C** Working with music.
 - D** She's on her feet a lot.
 - E** One.
 - F** She was in Europe.

- 2** Read the questions in Exercise 1 again. Complete the list of question words.

How? What? _____

- 3** Now read the questions again. Complete the sentence with *can* or *can't*.

You _____ answer *Wh*- questions with *Yes* or *No*.

4 Put the words in order and make questions.
Start the questions with question words.

0 How / in / old / were / 2016 / you / ?

How old were you in 2016?

1 What / your / is / English / name / teacher's / ?

2 Who / was / student / best / the / today / ?

3 How / your / last / long / was / holiday / ?

4 Where / Saturday / were / you / on / ?

5 What / you / do / school / after / do / ?

6 How / this / was / difficult / exercise / ?

WH- QUESTIONS IN THE PRESENT AND PAST

Who?

Who is your best friend?

What?

What was your first word?

When?

When was Freya's birthday?

Where?

Where were you last week?

Why?

Why were you sad yesterday?

What kind of?

What kind of music do you like?

How?

How are you?

You can't answer *Wh*- questions with *Yes*, or *No*.

How is your mum?

She's fine, thanks. Not: ~~Yes, thanks.~~

3 Complete questions 1–7 with a *Wh-* question word.
Then match them to the answers b–h.

- 0 When were you in Manchester?
- 1 _____ is your brother doing?
- 2 _____ do you live?
- 3 _____ is the boy next to Frankie?
- 4 _____ are you wearing that funny hat?
- 5 _____ do you finish work in the evening?
- 6 _____ difficult was your English test?
- 7 _____ sports do you play?

- a I was there on Tuesday
- b I live in a small town.
- c It was easy.
- d At 8 o'clock.
- e He's watching television.
- f That's Sam.
- g I like it!
- h Tennis and badminton.

SPEAKING

- 1** Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 4 with your partner.
- 2** Work with a partner. Write five questions in the present or past. Use the prompts to help you. Then ask your teacher the questions.
 - What colour / first car?
 - What / put in your bag when you travel?
 - Where / you in 2016?
 - What / favourite book when you / young?
 - How / travel to school every day?

Now write two questions to ask your partner.

WAS - WERE TO BE - Past Tense

AFFIRMATIVE

I **was** happy.
He **was** hungry.
She **was** a nurse.
It **was** big.

We **were** early.
You **were** at school.
They **were** quiet.

NEGATIVE

I **wasn't** sad.
He **wasn't** thirsty.
She **wasn't** a teacher.
It **wasn't** small.

We **weren't** late.
You **weren't** at home.
They **weren't** noisy.

wasn't =
was not

weren't =
were not

QUESTIONS

+ Affirmative They **were** happy.

She **was** rich.

? Question **Were** they happy?

Was she rich?

Short Answer

Yes, they were / No, they weren't

Yes, she was / No, she wasn't

WH- Word

Where

Why

When

+

Verb

was

were

+

Subject

I / he / she / it

we / you / they

+

Complement

sick ... ?

tired ... ?

ready ... ?

- Why **was** he angry?

- Where **were** you yesterday?

- When **was** she nervous?

- Who **were** those people?