

GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

UNIT 19

PAST SIMPLE: BE

positive +	negative -
I / he / she / it was happy.	I / he / she / it wasn't happy.
We / you / they were excited.	We / you / they weren't excited.
questions ?	short answers
Was I / he / she / it friendly?	Yes, I / he / she / it was . No, I / he / she / it wasn't .
Were we / you / they late?	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.

Practice

- Complete the sentences with **was**, **wasn't**, **were** or **weren't**.
 - Were you at the cinema last night?
No, I **wasn't**.
 - Where **_____** you on Saturday night?
 - Is Meg OK? She **_____** at school yesterday.
 - I'm sure my homework **_____** on the table, but now I can't find it!
 - What **_____** your favourite film when you were young?
 - Martha did well in the maths test. The questions **_____** very difficult.
 - Your mum and I **_____** on holiday in Turkey in this photo.
 - Was Helen at the station the other day? Yes, she **_____**.
 - Were your parents with you at the concert? No, they **_____**!

- 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- 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.

Practice

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

- When** were you in Manchester?
- _____** is your brother doing?
- _____** do you live?
- _____** is the boy next to Frankie?
- _____** are you wearing that funny hat?
- _____** do you finish work in the evening?
- _____** difficult was your English test?
- _____** sports do you play?

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

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