

PAST SIMPLE – TO BE

1 Underline the correct word.

1 Mary was / were an excellent pupil.

2 They was / were at the cinema yesterday.

3 I was / were at a competition last week.

4 She was / were disappointed.

5 Tim and I was / were at the park.

6 Was / Were you in London last summer?

7 Tim wasn't / weren't home last Saturday.

8 My friends wasn't / weren't at the party.

9 Was / Were she a scientist?

10 Jack and Ella wasn't / weren't born in London.

2 Fill in the gaps with WAS or WERE.



My weekend was amazing. I spent my weekend with my family and friends. On Saturday morning, my mum and I _____ at the museum. There _____ an exhibition on famous female scientists. In the evening, I went to my best friend's birthday party. There _____ a lot of people and it _____ really fun. His birthday cake _____ delicious. My best friend _____ thrilled about the party and the presents. On Sunday, I _____ outside almost all day. My parents and I went hiking in the mountains. The weather _____ great. It _____ sunny and warm. We walked a lot and we _____ exhausted in the evening, but it _____ worth it.

3 Use the clues and fill in the gaps with WAS, WERE, WASN'T or WEREN'T.

0 Maya wasn't (x) at the zoo last week. Maya was (✓) at the cinema.

1 My brother _____ (✓) at the theatre. The play _____ (x) boring.

2 I _____ (✓) sad because I didn't do well on my maths test.

3 They _____ (x) at school on Monday because they _____ ill.

4 I _____ (✓) at the competition yesterday. I knew almost all the answers, but I _____ (x) the winner.

5 Emily and I _____ (x) at home yesterday. We _____ (✓) at Tim's birthday party.

4 Use the prompts and make Yes/No questions. Then write short answers.

0 you / at the cinema

Were you at the cinema? No, I wasn't.

1 Daniel / tired / after the football match

_____ ? Yes, _____.

2 Henry and you / at school / last week

_____ ? No, _____.

3 your mum / at home / yesterday morning

_____ ? Yes, _____.

4 you / busy

_____ ? Yes, _____.

5 the questions / easy

_____ ? No, _____.

6 Jessica / late to the party

_____ ? Yes, _____.

5 Make questions for these answers. Use the wh-question words from the box.

What - When - Where - Why - Who

0 **Where were you yesterday evening?**

I was **at the theatre.**

1 _____ ?

His parents were angry **because he got a bad grade.**

2 _____ ?

Emma was ill last week.

3 _____ ?

Emma was ill **last week.**

4 _____ ?

We were **in the woods.**

5 _____ ?

There was **a surprise science test** at school.

PAST SIMPLE – REGULAR VERBS

6 Write the past simple form of the verbs.

jump – **jumped** _____

live – _____

watch – _____

study – _____

travel – _____

pass – _____

score – _____

cry – _____

look – _____

bake – _____

7 Fill in the gaps. Write the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

0 I **lived (live)** in New York three years ago.

1 They _____ **(arrive)** home at 3 a.m.

2 Dražen Petrović _____ **(play)** basketball.

3 Thomas Edison _____ **(invent)** the first light bulb.

4 I was at the local food festival and I _____ **(try)** different kinds of food.

5 We _____ **(visit)** our grandparents last weekend.

6 My brother _____ **(study)** hard for his geography test.

7 My sister _____ **(stop)** dancing because she hurt her knee.

8 Paul _____ **(carry)** a lot of shopping bags because he was at the supermarket.

9 The police _____ **(arrest)** the burglar.

10 I _____ **(stay)** up late because I had to finish my school project.

PAST SIMPLE – TO BE + REGULAR VERBS

8 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple tense.



Martin: Hey, Cindy, how **was (be)** your weekend?

Cindy: Hey, Martin, it _____ **(be)** great. My sister _____ **(organise)** a pyjama party. There _____ **(not be)** many people at the party, but we had a lot of fun. We _____ **(play)** board games and _____ **(laugh)** a lot.

We _____ **(listen)** to music and _____ **(dance)**. We even _____ **(watch)** a horror film, but that _____ **(not be)** a good idea.

Everything _____ **(seem)** so real and everybody _____ **(be)** frightened. Still, we _____ **(manage)** to fall asleep after that.

Martin: Wow, that sounds great.

Cindy: What about you? _____ **(you / be)** at home this weekend?

Martin: No, I _____ **(not be)**. I _____ **(be)** at the science competition in Cardiff. My science teacher _____ **(ask)** me if I _____ **(want)** to attend it.

At first, I didn't want to go, but my best friend _____ **(talk)** me into it, so I _____ **(apply)** for it in the end. And I'm glad he did because I _____ **(be)** the winner and I _____ **(receive)** a medal and an award.

Cindy: Congratulations! I'm so happy for you! _____ **(be)** the questions difficult?

Martin: Well, some of them _____ **(be)** a bit tricky, but I _____ **(answer)** most of them correctly.



Marie Curie _____ (**be**) a famous scientist. She _____ (**be**) born in Warsaw, but she _____ (**move**) to Paris in 1891. She _____ (**study**) physics and mathematics. Her husband, Pierre Curie, _____ (**be**) a famous scientist, too, and the two of them _____ (**receive**) the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903. _____ (**it / be**) her only award? Not at all. She _____ (**receive**) the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1911. In fact, she _____ (**be**) the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in two different fields.



Lucas Peterson _____ (**open**) the front door and _____ (**pick**) up the mail and the newspapers from the doormat. The house _____ (**not be**) too tidy, so he _____ (**tidy**) it up. He _____ (**wash**) his clothes and he _____ (**decide**) to make himself dinner. He _____ (**fry**) some chicken and he _____ (**enjoy**) his meal in the clean kitchen. He _____ (**watch**) TV for a while, but he _____ (**be**) pretty exhausted, so he soon went to bed.

The Greens _____ (**return**) from their holiday. As soon as they _____ (**enter**) the house, they _____ (**realise**) that something _____ (**be**) different. There _____ (**not be**) any newspapers on the doormat. Their house _____ (**be**) cleaner than they _____ (**remember**). They _____ (**climb**) the stairs and _____ (**enter**) their bedroom. There _____ (**be**) a burglar sleeping in their bed. They _____ (**be**) surprised and Mr Green immediately _____ (**call**) the police. The police _____ (**arrest**) Lucas. As it _____ (**turn**) out, Lucas _____ (**not be**) the owner of the house.

* 9 Fill in the gaps with the past simple form of the verbs from the box. You can use some verbs more than once.

talk - be - decide - like - want - start - walk - watch - stop - stay - realise - arrive
- roast - enjoy - reach - scream - return - last - try - agree - ~~want~~ - check



I am a nature lover and I really wanted to go camping, so two years ago my parents _____ with my suggestion and we went camping. On our way to the campsite, we _____ at the petrol station and my dad _____ the tyres. The weather _____ great and we _____ excited about the trip. The ride _____ three hours. When we _____ at the campsite, the weather _____ as good as it was in the morning. It _____ still sunny, but the wind _____ to blow and it _____ as warm anymore. After we put up the tent, my parents and I _____ in the mountains. There _____ many people and it was so peaceful. When we _____ the top of the mountain, we _____ the view. We _____ to the campsite in the evening. The wind _____ blowing and it _____ warm again. We _____ some marshmallows and _____ about our day. We _____ to sleep in the open air and not in our tent. We went to sleep. Suddenly, I heard a strange noise. I _____ frightened when I saw a big, scary creature in the dark. I _____ and my parents woke up. Then we _____ that it _____ just a deer. The deer ran away when he heard me scream. I _____ to fall asleep again, but I couldn't. I _____ awake and _____ the sunrise. I _____ our trip, but I _____ really tired the next day.

