

## To be im simple past

**EXERCISE 1** Fill in 'was' or 'were'.

- a) Jane \_\_\_\_\_ very tired last night.
- b) Tobias and Nick, where \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday?
- c) I \_\_\_\_\_ at school.
- d) Tom and I \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.
- e) Harry and Josh \_\_\_\_\_ very nice to us.
- f) Sally, why \_\_\_\_\_ you so sad after the party?
- g) He \_\_\_\_\_ from London.
- h) They \_\_\_\_\_ happy to see you.
- i) \_\_\_\_\_ she at school yesterday?
- j) I \_\_\_\_\_ very tired after the trip.
- k) My grandma \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful woman when she \_\_\_\_\_ young.
- l) Professor Miller and Professor Young, why \_\_\_\_\_ you late?
- m) We \_\_\_\_\_ not surprised when they told us the truth.
- n) You \_\_\_\_\_ best friends with Bob when you \_\_\_\_\_ in High School together.

**EXERCISE 2** Fill in 'was' or 'were'.

Hi Gary,

greetings from New York! I'm on holiday with my family and my friend Nina, and we really like it here. We've already seen many interesting things. Yesterday we \_\_\_\_\_ at the Museum of Natural History. We learned a lot about dinosaurs there. I \_\_\_\_\_ surprised: Not all dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_ big; some \_\_\_\_\_ as small as a chicken. The T-Rex \_\_\_\_\_ a frightening dinosaur. His teeth \_\_\_\_\_ as big as my hand! It \_\_\_\_\_ a great day. Nina didn't like the museum, though; I think she \_\_\_\_\_ scared of the dinosaurs!

How are you? I know you \_\_\_\_\_ sick last week, so I hope you're feeling better now. And how \_\_\_\_\_ your trip to Egypt last month? Did you and Sally have fun? I'm sure the two of you \_\_\_\_\_ very excited to see the pyramids.

Lots of love,

Steve

**EXERCISE 3** Fragen mit was und were. Frage nach den unterstrichenen Satzteilen.

- a) I was in Berlin last week. -> Where *were you last week?*
- b) My sisters were at school. -> Who \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- c) You were here yesterday. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- d) Bill was very happy. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- e) We were angry because you didn't come. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- f) They were at the bus stop. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- g) You were there at 9pm. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- h) She was home after lunch. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- i) The cat was under the sofa. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- j) There was a book in the box. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- k) My dad was interested. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- i) The show was boring. -> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**EXERCISE 4** Schreibe verneinte Sätze im simple past. Verwende was / were.

a) I / not / happy	I wasn't happy.
b) She / not / at school	
c) We / not / alone	
d) They / not / at home	
e) You / not / in the car	
f) Bill / not / in his room	
g) Mr Meyer / not / a teacher	
h) He / not / stupid	
i) I / not / there	
j) The dog / not / outside	
k) The kids / not / sad	

## Lösungen

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- f) Sally, why **were** you so sad after the party?
- g) He **was** from London.
- h) They **were** happy to see you.
- i) **Was** she at school yesterday?
- j) I **was** very tired after the trip.
- k) My grandma **was** a beautiful woman when she **was** young.
- l) Professor Miller and Professor Young, why **were** you late?
- m) We **were** not surprised when they told me the truth.
- n) You **were** best friends with Bob when you **were** in High School.

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- b) My sisters were at school. -> Who **was at school?**
- c) You were here yesterday. -> **When were you here?**
- d) Bill was very happy. -> **Who was happy?**
- e) We were angry because you didn't come. -> **Why were we angry?**
- f) They were at the bus stop. -> **Where were they?**
- g) You were there at 9pm. -> **When were you there?**
- h) She was home after lunch. -> **When was she home?**
- i) The cat was under the sofa. -> **Where was the cat?**
- j) There was a book in the box. -> **What was in the box?**
- k) My dad was interested. -> **Who was interested?**
- i) The show was boring. -> **What was boring?**

**EXERCISE 4**

- a) I wasn't happy. b) She wasn't at school. c) We weren't alone. d) They weren't at home. e) You weren't in the car. f) Bill wasn't in his room. g) Mr Meyer wasn't a teacher. h) He wasn't stupid. i) I wasn't there. j) The dog wasn't outside. k) The kids weren't sad.