

I/3 PAST SIMPLE VERB TO BE

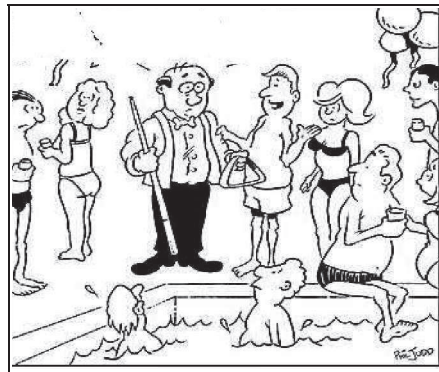
I Complete with was/ wasn't/ were/ weren't

1. I _____ in Canberra last spring and this year I _____ in Rome.
2. We _____ at school last Saturday and this Sunday we _____ at home.
3. Tina _____ at home yesterday, she _____ at work.
4. You _____ very busy on Friday, _____ you busy today?
5. Jessica and Kimberly _____ late for school yesterday, in fact, they _____ always late.
6. We _____ students in 1990, now we _____ teachers.
7. He _____ in a hurry because there _____ a lot of traffic.
8. Last night you _____ angry because your girlfriend _____ at home.
9. My father _____ at work yesterday because he _____ on vacation.
10. Trixi and Felix _____ my cats, they died 5 years ago.
11. Susan and Betty _____ good friends when they _____ at school.
12. They _____ good at sports but they _____ good at maths 2 years ago.
13. They like traveling, they _____ in London this week?
14. It _____ Sunday today, yesterday it _____ Saturday.
15. I _____ at home, I _____ at the gym with some friends.
16. We _____ with friends yesterday, we _____ alone.

II. Your friend was at a party at the house of a millionaire. Use items from the list to make sentences.

delicious, luxurious, heart-shaped, by Picasso, old and ugly, interesting, young and beautiful, full of roses, very expensive, very polite, famous, antique

1. The millionaire was old and ugly. _____
2. The millionaire's wife _____
3. The other guests _____
4. The servants _____
5. The house _____
6. The swimming pool _____
7. The furniture _____
8. The paintings _____
9. The gardens _____
10. The food _____
11. The wine _____
12. The conversation _____



III. Look at these pictures of Bob and Sue and complete the sentences below. Here are some useful words:

babies, dark, energetic, friendly, generous, happy, healthy, poor
pretty, smooth, thin, very intelligent, young




1. Bob and Sue are old now but then _____ young.
2. Bob and Sue are sad now but then _____
3. Sue is fat now but then _____
4. They are often ill now but then _____
5. Their skin is wrinkled now but then _____
6. They are often angry now but then _____
7. Their hair is grey now but then _____
8. They are often tired now but then _____
9. Sue is forgetful now but then _____
10. Bob and Sue are rich now but then _____
11. They are mean now but then _____
12. Their children are adults now but then _____
13. Sue is ugly now but then _____

IV. Write the questions for these answers:


1. _____?
He was born in 1916.
2. _____?
It was sunny and hot.
3. _____?
She was bad tempered and grumpy.
4. _____?
I was with my sister.
5. _____?
They were at the beach last summer.

6. _____?
The party was great, I was really happy.
7. _____?
She was happy because it was her birthday.
8. _____?
My best friend was Andy.
9. _____?
Her birthday party was last summer.
10. _____?
John Lennon was from Liverpool.

V. Choose the correct verb.




Charles Darwin [was were] born on February 12, 1809. He [was were] a British naturalist who became famous for his theories of evolution and natural selection. In South America, Darwin found that fossils of extinct animals [was were] similar to modern species. Many people [was were] strongly opposed to the idea of evolution because it conflicted with their religious beliefs. Throughout his life, Darwin [was were] a reserved, thorough, hard working scholar.



When Albert Einstein [was were] young, his parents worried about him. Einstein's parents [was were] concerned that Albert was "slow." Albert [was were] a terrible student who didn't want to attend classes regularly and take exams. Einstein's best-known work, the theory of relativity, [was were] published in 1905. Unfortunately, the theory of relativity [was were] used to create the atomic bomb.

VI. Practice this conversation



KATHY: Hello?
AMANDA: Hi, Kathy. This is Amanda.
KATHY: Hi, Amanda. How's it going?
AMANDA: Fine. Hey, Josh and I stopped by your house last night, but you weren't there. Or were you asleep?
KATHY: Actually, I wasn't home last night. I was at the cinema.
AMANDA: Were you alone?
KATHY: Uh, no. I was with . . . someone. The movie was great. Really exciting. And funny too.
AMANDA: Really! What movie was it?
KATHY: *Frankenstein's Uncle.*

VII. Correct the letter

Mark,

Sorry I was home last night. I were at a basketball game. Amanda and Josh was with me. It were really exciting. Where were you on Tuesday afternoon? Susan, Brent, and I are at the soccer game, but you were there. That's too bad. It is really exciting. I'll talk to you soon. Call me.

Kathy



VIII. Choose the correct answer

- 1. AMANDA:** Where were you last night? **KATHY:** (A) Yes, I was. (B) Alone. (C) At a movie. (D) For two hours.
- 2. MARK:** Was she at the gym? **STEVE:** (A) No, she was. (B) Yes, at the gym. (C) Yes, she was. (D) No, they weren't.
- 3. KATHY:** Where were you? **AMANDA:** (A) Sorry I wasn't at a soccer game. (B) At the gym. (C) Mark and I are at home last night. (C) With my husband.
- 4. JASON:** How long were you there? **MARK:** (A) Fine, thanks. (B) Yesterday. (C) By car. (D) Four days.
- 5. JASON:** _____? **MARK:** It was cool.
(A) What was the weather like? (B) How was it? (C) How are you? (D) Was the weather cool?
- 6. JASON:** _____? **MARK:** No, I wasn't. I was alone on a tour.
(A) Were you with friends? (B) Where were you? (C) How were you? (D) What movie was it?
- 7. AMANDA:** _____? **KATHY:** It was scary.
(A) How long was the movie? (B) How was the movie? (C) How is the movie? (D) Who was in the movie?

IV. Complete the letter

Hi Everyone,

Last week _____ terrible. It _____ exam week. My friends and I _____ at the library every day. But this week is easy. We _____ free to read and relax. No homework, no exams. How _____ everyone at home? Mom, how _____ your flowers? Beautiful, I _____ sure. And Ken, how _____ your arm? I hope it _____ okay. Remember! Basketball _____ just a game. Dad, thanks for the check. My classes _____ terrific this year, especially journalism.

Send my love to Grandma and Grandpa.

Love,

Judy



X. Match the two halves of the sentence1.

1. Were you at home yesterday?
 2. Was Ryan in class yesterday?
 3. Was the concert good?
 4. Was the movie interesting?
 5. Was Susan at the library yesterday?
- a. No, it wasn't. The music was pretty bad.
 - b. Yes, she was. We were both there.
 - c. Yes, it was. Matt Damon is a great actor.
 - d. No, I wasn't. I was at a concert.
 - e. No, he wasn't. He was sick.