

## past: to be

### 1. Complete with **was / were** or **wasn't / weren't** :

- a. He **was** at home yesterday. He didn't go out.
- b. They \_\_\_\_\_ at school on Tuesday. They went on an excursion that day.
- c. She \_\_\_\_\_ outside because it \_\_\_\_\_ cold.
- d. We \_\_\_\_\_ at the party and had a good time.
- e. I \_\_\_\_\_ tired last night so I went to bed.
- f. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you at 7 p.m. yesterday?
- g. This time last year I \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome.
- h. She \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema. I didn't see her there.

### 2. Complete the questions to the answers:

- a. When **were you born**?  
I was born in 1980.
- b. Where \_\_\_\_\_?  
He was at the cinema last night.
- c. Why \_\_\_\_\_?  
We were tired because we went to bed very late.
- d. Who \_\_\_\_\_?  
She was my sister.
- e. When \_\_\_\_\_?  
The birthday party was last Friday.
- f. How old \_\_\_\_\_?  
I was 25 in 2001.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_?  
Yes, we were in Italy last week.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_?  
No, the film wasn't interesting.

### 3. What was there in the kitchen yesterday? Write the questions and short answers:

#### KITCHEN

two bottles of milk	✓	a bar of chocolate	✓
a bottle of lemon juice	✗	four kilos of apples	✗
a tin of peas	✗	a loaf of bread	✓
three packets of rice	✓	two packets of sugar	✗

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- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
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- g. \_\_\_\_\_
- h. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Change the following sentences into affirmative, interrogative or negative:

- a. He was a good student. (**int/neg**)  
Was he a good student?  
He wasn't a good student.
- b. Were they doctors? (**affirm/neg**)  
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- c. There was a nice shopping centre. (**int/neg**)  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- d. She wasn't an opera singer. (**affirm/int**)  
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- e. Were there toys at the shop? (**affirm/neg**)  
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I was 25 in 2001.
- g. **Were you in Italy last week**?  
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- h. **Was the film interesting**?  
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- d. Were there three packets of rice? Yes, there were.
- e. Was there a bar of chocolate? Yes, there was.
- f. Were there four kilos of apples? No, there weren't.
- g. Was there a loaf of bread? Yes, there was.
- h. Were there two packets of sugar? No, there weren't.

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 There were toys at the shop.  
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- f. We weren't friends. (**affirm/int**)  
 We were friends.  
 Were we friends?