

Was/were

A



Last night



Now

Now Arturo is at work.

At midnight last night he **wasn't** at work.

He **was** in bed.
He **was** asleep.

am/is (present) → **was** (past)

- I **am** tired. (now)
- Where **is** Beth? (now)
- The weather **is** nice today.

- I **was** tired **last night**.
- Where **was** Beth **yesterday**?
- The weather **was** nice **last week**.

are (present) → **were** (past)

- You **are** late. (now)
- They **aren't** here. (now)

- You **were** late **yesterday**.
- They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

B

Positive

Negative

Question

I he she it	was	I he she it	was not (wasn't)	was	I? he? she? it?
we you they	were	we you they	were not (weren't)	were	we? you? they?

- Last year Amy **was** 22, so she's 23 now.
- When I **was** a child, I **was** afraid of dogs.
- We **were** hungry after the trip, but we **weren't** tired.
- The hotel **was** comfortable, but it **wasn't** expensive.
- **Was** the weather nice when you **were** on vacation?
- Those shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

C

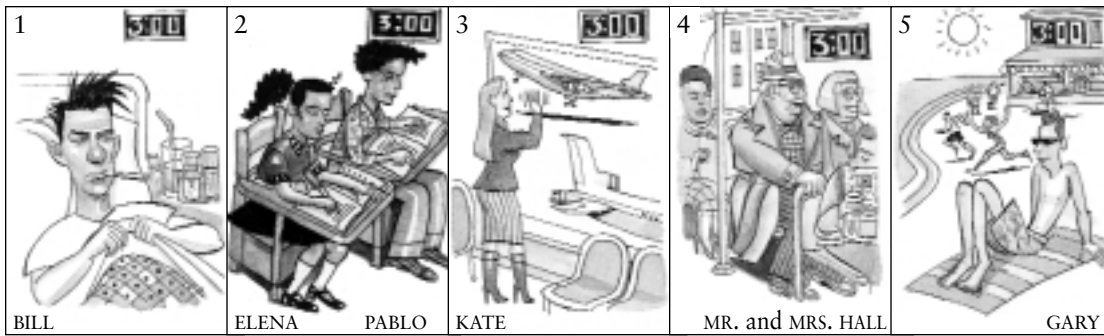
Short answers

Yes,	I/he/she/it was . we/you/they were .	No,	I/he/she/it wasn't . we/you/they weren't .
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- "Were you late?" "No, I **wasn't**."
- "Was Scott at work yesterday?" "Yes, he **was**."
- "Were Amy and Matt at the party?" "No, they **weren't**."

Exercises

10.1 Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? Where were you?



1. Bill was in bed .
2. Elena and Pablo _____ at _____ .
3. Kate _____ at _____ .
4. _____ on _____ .
5. _____ at _____ .
6. And you? I _____ .

10.2 Write am / is / are (present) or was / were (past).

1. Last year she was 22, so she is 23 now.
2. Today the weather _____ nice, but yesterday it _____ very cold.
3. I _____ hungry. Can I have something to eat?
4. I feel fine this morning, but I _____ very tired last night.
5. Where _____ you at 11 o'clock last Friday morning?
6. Don't buy those shoes. They _____ very expensive.
7. I like your new jacket. _____ it expensive?
8. "Where _____ the children?" "I don't know. They _____ here ten minutes ago."

10.3 Write was / wasn't or were / weren't.

1. We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small, and it wasn't very clean.
2. Bill _____ at work last week because he _____ sick. He's better now.
3. Yesterday _____ a holiday, so the banks _____ closed. They're open today.
4. "_____ Kate and John at the party?" "Kate _____ there, but John _____."
5. "Where are my keys?" "I don't know. They _____ on the table, but they're not there now."
6. You _____ at home last night. Where _____ you?

10.4 Write questions. Use the words in parentheses () in the correct order + was / were.

1. (late / you / this morning / why?) Why were you late this morning?
2. (hard / your exam?) _____
3. (last week / where / Beth and Bill?) _____
4. (angry / you / yesterday / why?) _____
5. (nice / the weather / last week?) _____

The traffic was bad.

No, it was easy.

They were on vacation.

Because you were late.

Yes, it was beautiful.