

WAS / WERE



Now Robert **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) I **was** tired **last night**.
- Where **is** Ann? (now) Where **was** Ann **yesterday**?
- The weather **is** good today. The weather **was** good **last week**.

are (present) → **were** (past):

- You **are** late. (now) You **were** late **yesterday**.
- They **aren't** here. (now) They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

positive

I he she it	was
we you they	were

negative

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

question

was	I? he? she? it?
were	we? you? they?

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

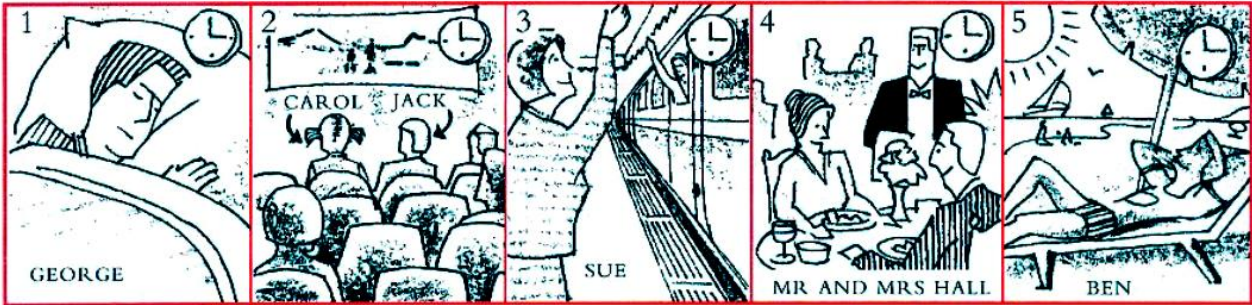
short answers

Yes,	I/he/she/it was .
	we/you/they were .

No,	I/he/she/it wasn't .
	we/you/they weren't .

- 'Were you late?' 'No, I **wasn't**.'
- 'Was Ted at work yesterday?' 'Yes, **he was**.'
- 'Were Sue and Steve at the party?' 'No, **they weren't**.'

1 Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon?



- 1 George was in bed. 4
- 2 Carol and Jack 5
- 3 Sue 6 And you? I

2 Put in **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 This time last year I in Paris.
- 9 'Where the children?' 'I don't know. They in the garden ten minutes ago.'

3 Put in **was/were** or **wasn't/weren't**.

- 1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small and it wasn't very clean.
- 2 George at work last week because he ill. He's better now.
- 3 Yesterday a public holiday so the shops closed. They're open today.
- 4 '..... Sue and Bill at the party?' 'Sue there but Bill
- 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?

4 Write the questions. Use the words in brackets (...) in the correct order + **was/were**.

1 (late / you / this morning / why?) <u>Why were you late this morning?</u>	→ The traffic was bad.
2 (difficult / your exam?)	→ No, it was easy.
3 (last week / where / Ann and Chris?)	→ They were on holiday.
4 (your new camera / how much?)	→ Sixty pounds.
5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)	→ Because you were late.
6 (nice / the weather / last week?)	→ Yes, it was beautiful.

KEY**1.**

- 2 Carol and Jack were at/in the cinema.
- 3 Sue was at the station.
- 4 Mr and Mrs Hall were in/at a restaurant.
- 5 Ben was on the beach / on a beach / at the seaside.
- 6 *(example answer)* I was at work.

2.

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| 2 is ... was | 6 are |
| 3 am | 7 Was |
| 4 was | 8 was |
| 5 were | 9 are ... were |

3.

- 2 wasn't ... was
- 3 was ... were
- 4 Were ... was ... wasn't
- 5 were
- 6 weren't ... were

4.

- 2 Was your exam difficult?
- 3 Where were Ann and Chris last week?
- 4 How much was your new camera?
- 5 Why were you angry yesterday?
- 6 Was the weather nice last week?