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Simple past tense (1) was • were

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Class: 3D

Comments:

Last year Rex **was** naughty. His grades **were** poor.This year he **is** hard-working. His grades **are** good.

Simple present tense

be = is / am / are

is	am	are
He / She / It	I	We / They / You

Use the simple present tense when you see:

- now
- this year

Simple past tense

be = was / were

was	were
I / He / She / It	We / They / You

Use the simple past tense when you see:

- yesterday
- four years ago
- last year / month / week ...

practice A Circle the adverbs of time. Fill in the blanks with **was** or **were**. Follow the example.

- 1 Yesterday I was bored so I watched cartoons.
- 2 We _____ seven years old last year.
- 3 Last night Bonnie and Lily _____ tired and went to bed early.
- 4 That is Mr Smith. He _____ our Music teacher last year.
- 5 Two weeks ago my neighbours _____ in England.
- 6 The children visited a farm three days ago. They _____ happy.
- 7 Elaine _____ late for school last Monday, Thursday and Friday.
Her father _____ angry.

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practice B Fill in the blanks with the correct form of **be**.

- 1 My name _____ Eddy. This year I _____ nine years old.
- 2 Yesterday we had a party. We _____ excited.
- 3 Two years ago Billy _____ short. Now he _____ tall.
- 4 My brother _____ sick last night. Mum _____ worried.
- 5 Four years ago Miss Tong _____ a waitress. Now she _____ a cook.
- 6 An hour ago it _____ sunny but now it _____ cloudy.
- 7 Last year my dog Bobo _____ small. His legs _____ short.
This year Bobo _____ big. His legs _____ long.



Grammar in Context Fill in the blanks with the correct form of **be**.

Mummy Monica's Space

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The children ① _____ so big now! Last year Don ② _____ small and weak. Now he ③ _____ big and strong. He plays basketball every day. Last year Joyce ④ _____ 125 cm tall. Now she ⑤ _____ 128 cm tall. She is in the school choir. Last year Tina and Tim ⑥ _____ lazy. Now they ⑦ _____ hard-working. They study hard. Last year I ⑧ _____ unfit. This year I go swimming every day. I ⑨ _____ fit now!

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Simple past tense (2) regular verbsWe use the **simple past tense** to talk about things that happened in the past.

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Sunny

This evening the fairy godmother **visit**ed me. She **wave**d her wand and suddenly I had a pretty dress and a pair of glass slippers. I **talk**ed and **dance**d with the prince at the palace. Then at midnight ...

We add **ed** or **d** to regular verbs to form the simple past tense.

**practice A Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense form of the verbs given.**

- Alex _____ (paint) a picture this morning.
- Last month my brother _____ (fail) his piano exam.
- Yesterday we _____ (visit) a farm.
- Two years ago I _____ (start) primary school.
- Our new neighbour _____ (smile) at me this afternoon.
- Tim _____ (argue) with his parents last Sunday.
- Grandma _____ (live) in a village sixty years ago.
- This morning I _____ (wave) goodbye to Dad.
- A lot of people _____ (line) up at the shopping mall last weekend.



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practice B Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense form of the verbs given. Follow the example.

- We **visited** the new theme park last Sunday.
We **were** excited. (be, visit)
- Dad _____ seven days last week. He _____ tired. (be, work)
- Mrs Chan _____ the children for lunch. She _____ a lot of food. The children _____ full. (be, invite, prepare)
- Fiona _____ on the phone with her friend for three hours last night. Mum _____ angry because Fiona _____ late for school this morning. (be, be, talk)

**Grammar in Context****Benny is writing an e-mail to his friend. Finish the e-mail.**

Hi Jayden,

- It ① _____ (be) Mother's Day yesterday. Winnie, Cathy and I all ② _____ (help) with the housework. In the morning I ③ _____ (cook) breakfast. Winnie and Cathy ④ _____ (wash) the dishes.
- In the afternoon Dad ⑤ _____ (bake) a cake. Mum ⑥ _____ (smile) happily when she saw it.
- In the evening we ⑦ _____ (watch) a film at the cinema. We ⑧ _____ (enjoy) it very much. We ⑨ _____ (be) all happy.



How about your weekend? Did you have fun?

Cheers,
Benny