

Grammar 3B U3 p.A9-A12
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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.

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

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

- My name **is** Eddy. This year I **am** nine years old.
- Yesterday we had a party. We **were** excited.
- Two years ago Billy **was** short. Now he **is** tall.
- My brother **was** sick last night. Mum **was** worried.
- Four years ago Miss Tong **was** a waitress. Now she **is** a cook.
- An hour ago it **was** sunny but now it **is** cloudy.
- Last year my dog Bobo **was** small. His legs **were** short. This year Bobo **is** big. His legs **are** long.



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

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The children ① **are** so big now! Last year Don ② **was** small and weak. Now he ③ **is** big and strong. He plays basketball every day. Last year Joyce ④ **was** 125 cm tall. Now she ⑤ **is** 128 cm tall. She is in the school choir. Last year Tina and Tim ⑥ **were** lazy. Now they ⑦ **are** hard-working. They study hard. Last year I ⑧ **was** unfit. This year I go swimming every day. I ⑨ **am** 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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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**ed (paint) a picture this morning.
- Last month my brother **fail**ed (fail) his piano exam.
- Yesterday we **visit**ed (visit) a farm.
- Two years ago I **start**ed (start) primary school.
- Our new neighbour **smile**d (smile) at me this afternoon.
- Tim **argue**d (argue) with his parents last Sunday.
- Grandma **live**d (live) in a village sixty years ago.
- This morning I **wave**d (wave) goodbye to Dad.
- A lot of people **line**d (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 **visit**ed the new theme park last Sunday.
We **were** excited. (be, visit)
- Dad **work**ed seven days last week. He **was** tired. (be, work)
- Mrs Chan **invite**d the children for lunch. She **prepar**ed a lot of food. The children **were** full. (be, invite, prepare)
- Fiona **talk**ed on the phone with her friend for three hours last night. Mum **was** angry because Fiona **was** 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 **was** (be) Mother's Day yesterday Winnie, Cathy and I all ② **help**ed (help) with the housework. In the morning I ③ **cook**ed (cook) breakfast. Winnie and Cathy ④ **wash**ed (wash) the dishes.
- In the afternoon Dad ⑤ **bake**d (bake) a cake. Mum ⑥ **smile**d (smile) happily when she saw it.
- In the evening we ⑦ **watch**ed (watch) a film at the cinema. We ⑧ **enjoy**ed (enjoy) it very much. We ⑨ **were** (be) all happy.
- How about your weekend? Did you have fun?
- Cheers,
Benny

