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1 Read and complete the Grammar Quest.

Grammar Quest

Past simple – to be

was What Was wasn't Yes wasn't was wasn't

Affirmative

1 I was a teacher.

2 He WAS a writer.

Negative

3 I WASN'T an architect.

4 She WASN'T a waitress.

Questions and short answers

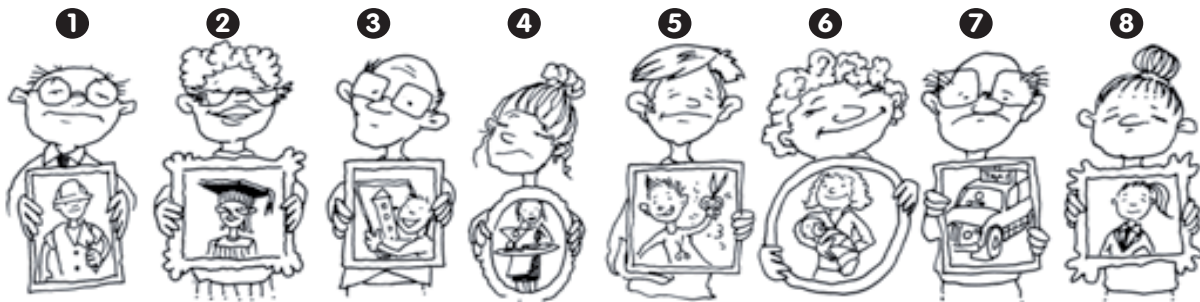
5 WHAT was your favourite subject?

6 WAS he an artist? 7 YES, he was. 8 No, he WASN'T.

2 Read and circle the correct word.

- When I am / was young, I was / is a hairdresser.
- What was / not your favourite subject at school?
- When he was / is young, he isn't / wasn't a teacher.
- Am / Was he an architect? Yes, he was / wasn't.
- When she was / am young, her favourite subject wasn't / isn't Maths.

3 Look and complete the sentences using *was* or *wasn't*.



- He was a builder.
- She WASN'T an artist.
- He WASN'T a businessperson.
- She WAS a waitress.
- He WASN'T a writer.
- She WAS a housewife.
- He WAS a taxi driver.
- She WASN'T a teacher.

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1 Look and read the questions. Write the answers.

a family lunch the shops home a football match a birthday party



- 1 Where was Peter at the weekend?
- 2 Where was Anna at the weekend?
- 3 Where was Robert at the weekend?
- 4 Where was Sally at the weekend?
- 5 Where was David at the weekend?

He was at the shops.

SHE WAS AT A FAMILY LUNCH

HE WAS AT A FOOTBALL MATCH

SHE WAS AT HOME

HE WAS AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY

2 Look at Activity 1. Write sentences using *was* or *wasn't*.

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| 1 Peter / home | <i>Peter wasn't at home.</i> | 4 Anna / lunch | ANNA WAS AT A FAMILY LUNCH |
| 2 Robert / football | ROBERT WAS AT A FOOTBALL | 5 Peter / shops | PETER WAS AT THE SHOPS |
| 3 Sally / birthday | SALLY WASN'T AT A BIRTHDAY | 6 David / birthday | DAVID WAS AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY |

3 Read the answers. Write the questions in the past.

My grandpa's favourite things

- 1 *Who was your favourite teacher?* — my teacher, Mr Brown
- 2 **WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT?** ? — History
- 3 **WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?** ? — fish and chips
- 4 **WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PERSON?** ? — the writer, Charles Dickens
- 5 **WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PET?** ? — my rabbit, Buggy



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was / were

Presentation



Hi, Michael. **Were you** at the library yesterday at 10 o'clock?

Where **were you**?

Were you playing computer games?

Hi, Kate. No, **I wasn't**.

I was in the computer room with Ben.

No, **we weren't**. **We were** doing our History project.

Where	was	I	... ?
	were	you	
When	was	he / she / it	
What time	were	we	
	were	they	

It	was wasn't	...
You	were weren't	
He / She / It	was wasn't	
We	were weren't	
They	were weren't	

Remember! wasn't = was not weren't = were not

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Practice

1 Write the dialogue using *was, wasn't, were or weren't*.

Jane: Where (1) was John yesterday?

Fred: I think he (2) WAS at the park with May.

Jane: No. He (3) WASN'T there. I (4) WAS at the park with May.

Fred: What time (5) WERE you there?

Jane: We (6) WERE there at ten o'clock.

Fred: Look! Here's John. Let's ask him.

Jane: Where (7) WERE you yesterday, John? You (8) WEREN'T at the park.

John: I (9) WAS at the circus. It (10) WAS my birthday!

2 Order and write. Then look and write short answers.

- your / at / swimming pool / yesterday? / the / Was / sister
Was your sister at the swimming pool yesterday? Yes, she was.
- Jack and / at / Were / the / beach? / Jim
WERE JACK AND TIM AT THE BEACH? NO, THEY WEREN'T
- on / Was / the / Saturday? / party
WAS THE PARTY ON SATURDAY? NO, IT WASN'T
- clean? / the / Were / dogs
WERE THE DOGS CLEAN? YES, THEY WERE

3 Read the answers and write the questions.

- Where were you yesterday?
 I was at the beach yesterday.
WHERE WAS PETER LAST WEEK?
- WHERE WERE ALICE AND SALLY THIS MORNING?
 Alice and Sally were at the supermarket this morning.
- WHEN WAS THE CONCERT?
 The concert was last weekend.