GRAMMAR · PAST SIMPLE · A1 Name: _____ Date: _____

Past simple: was / were

Focus: Past simple of be: was / were, wasn't / weren't, questions and short answers.

GRAMMAR

+ I / he / she / it **was** · you / we / they **were**: I **was** tired. We **were** at a concert.
- **wasn't** / **weren't**: It **wasn't** late. They **weren't** at school. (wasn't = was not, weren't = were not)
? **Was** she at home? Yes, she **was**. / No, she **wasn't**. Where **were** you?

1 Choose the correct word.

Example: Anna _____ on holiday last week. (was / were) → was

1. The concert _____ very good last night. (was / were)
2. Lena and I _____ at a party on Friday. (was / were)
3. Tom _____ at the gym yesterday. (wasn't / weren't)
4. _____ you late for the film last night? (Was / Were)
5. The shops _____ open last Sunday. (wasn't / weren't)
6. My brother _____ in Rome in 2020. (was / were)

2 Complete with was, were, wasn't or weren't.

Example: The film _____ boring. It was really good. → wasn't

1. My pizza _____ cold and the chips were cold too.
2. It _____ sunny on Saturday. It was grey and wet.
3. Our neighbours _____ at home last night. They were at the theatre.
4. We _____ both very tired, so we were in bed at nine.
5. Was Omar at the meeting yesterday? No, he _____.
6. Were the tickets expensive? Yes, they _____.

3 Monday morning at work — Complete the dialogue with was, were, wasn't or weren't.

Ken: Morning, Maria. How _____ your weekend?

Maria: Great, thanks. I was at my sister's house by the sea.

Ken: Nice! Were your children there too?

Maria: No, they _____. They _____ with my parents. Where _____ you on Saturday?

Ken: At work! I _____ here in the office all day.

Maria: Oh no! So it _____ a good weekend for you.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 was, 2 were, 3 wasn't, 4 Were, 5 weren't, 6 was **2** 1 was, 2 wasn't, 3 weren't, 4 were, 5 wasn't, 6 were **3** 1 was, 2 weren't, 3 were, 4 were, 5 was, 6 wasn't

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