

Was / were

Focus: was / were: affirmative, negative, questions and short answers; there was / there were; past time expressions

GRAMMAR: WAS / WERE

I / he / she / it **was** · you / we / they **were**. Negative: **wasn't** / **weren't**.

Questions: **Was** she ill? Yes, she was. **Were** you at home? No, we weren't.

There was a nurse. **There were** two doctors.

Time: yesterday, last night / week / year, two days ago, in 2015.

1 Complete the table.

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I	was late	_____ late	Was I late?
you	_____ late	weren't late	_____ you late?
he / she / it	was late	_____ late	Was she late?
we	_____ late	weren't late	Were we late?
they	were late	_____ late	_____ they late?

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

Example: I _____ at home yesterday. → was

- Where _____ you last night?
- Sara _____ at work yesterday. She was ill.
- We _____ in Paris in 2015. The hotel was nice.
- _____ they at the hospital? Yes, they _____.
- It _____ cold last week. It was very hot.
- There _____ two nurses in the room. They were very kind.
- _____ it a good film? No, it _____.
- My parents _____ at home two days ago. They were in London.
- There _____ a problem with my car yesterday, so I was late.
- I _____ well last week, but I'm better now.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 wasn't, 2 were, 3 Were, 4 wasn't, 5 were, 6 weren't, 7 Were 2 1 were, 2 wasn't, 3 were, 4 Were / were, 5 wasn't, 6 were, 7 Was / wasn't, 8 weren't, 9 was, 10 wasn't