ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 11 · GRAMMAR Name: _____ Date: _____

# 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*

1. Where _____ you last night?
2. Sara _____ at work yesterday. She was ill.
3. We _____ in Paris in 2015. The hotel was nice.
4. _____ they at the hospital? Yes, they _____.
5. It _____ cold last week. It was very hot.
6. There _____ two nurses in the room. They were very kind.
7. _____ it a good film? No, it _____.
8. My parents _____ at home two days ago. They were in London.
9. There _____ a problem with my car yesterday, so I was late.
10. 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

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