

Past to be, There was / There were

A Fill in the blanks with *was* or *were*.

- Yesterday it *was* rainy and cool.
- the concert good last Sunday?
- My father and I at the stadium for the big game two weeks ago.
- The children not at their grandparents last weekend.
- The weather hot and I thirsty.
- you at the shops yesterday?

B Fill in the blanks with *There was*, *There were*, *Was there* or *Were there*.

- Were there* any famous actors in the play?
- a wonderful film on TV on Monday night.
- astronauts on the moon in 1969.
- steak for lunch.
- any sugar in the bowl?
- a nature programme on TV last night?

C Answer the questions about yourself.

- Were you at this school a year ago?
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- Were you cold last night?
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- Was your room tidy yesterday?
.....
- Were you worried about anything yesterday?
.....
- How old were you in the year 2002?
.....
- How many pupils were there in your class last year?
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D Ask questions using *Was* or *Were*. Then answer the questions according to the pictures.

- the man / rich / many years ago
Was the man rich many years ago?
No, he wasn't. He was poor.
- the men / on holiday / in June
.....
- Dan / on a boat / last Saturday
.....
- the teacher / angry / yesterday
.....
- the shops / closed / on Monday afternoon
.....



(poor)



(at work)



(on a boat)



(happy)



(closed)

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- A**
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| 1 was | 4 were |
| 2 Was | 5 was, was |
| 3 were | 6 Were |
- B**
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| 1 Were there | 4 There was |
| 2 There was | 5 Was there |
| 3 There were | 6 Was there |
- C** Accept all logical and grammatically correct answers.
- D**
- 1 Was the man rich many years ago? No, he wasn't. He was poor.
 - 2 Were the men on holiday in June? No, they weren't. They were at work.
 - 3 Was Dan on a boat last Saturday? Yes, he was.
 - 4 Was the teacher angry yesterday? No, she wasn't. She was happy.
 - 5 Were the shops closed on Monday afternoon? Yes, they were.