

G simple past: be V in, at, on P was and were, sentence rhythm

# 1 GRAMMAR simple past: be

## a Rewrite the sentences in the past.

- 1 I'm at work now.  
I was at work yesterday.
- 2 They aren't at home today.  
They weren't at home yesterday.
- 3 He's at a restaurant tonight.  
He was last night.
- 4 We aren't at school today.  
We were yesterday.
- 5 Are you at work now?  
You were last night?
- 6 She's at the airport this morning.  
She was yesterday evening.
- 7 Is he late today?  
He was yesterday?
- 8 I'm not in a hurry this morning.  
I wasn't yesterday morning.
- 9 She's not in a hotel tonight.  
She wasn't last night.
- 10 We're in a café with friends this afternoon.  
We were yesterday afternoon.



## b Write questions and answers.

- 1 Picasso / a painter (✓)  
Was Picasso a painter ?  
Yes, he was .
- 2 the Beatles / from the United States (X)  
Were the Beatles from the United States ?  
No, they weren't .
- 3 Princess Diana / American (X)  
Was Princess Diana American ?  
No, she wasn't .
- 4 Charles Dickens and Jane Austen / writers (✓)  
Were Charles Dickens and Jane Austen writers ?  
Yes, they were .
- 5 Carmen Miranda / Brazilian (✓)  
Was Carmen Miranda Brazilian ?  
Yes, she was .
- 6 Monet and Matisse / musicians (X)  
Were Monet and Matisse musicians ?  
No, they weren't .
- 7 Michelangelo / a musician (X)  
Was Michelangelo a musician ?  
No, he wasn't .
- 8 Steve Jobs and Thomas Edison / American (✓)  
Were Steve Jobs and Thomas Edison American ?  
Yes, they were .

## c Complete the conversations with was / wasn't or were / weren't.

- 1 A Were you at work last week?  
B Yes, I was .
- 2 A Where were you last night?  
B I wasn't at a party.
- 3 A Was your friend at school yesterday?  
B No, she wasn't .
- 4 A Were your parents on vacation last week?  
B No, they weren't .
- 5 A When was your brother in Istanbul?  
B He wasn't there last year.
- 6 A Were you at the museum yesterday?  
B No, we weren't .

## 2 VOCABULARY *in, at, on*

- a Where were these people yesterday? Write sentences with *in, at, or on* and a word from the list.

bed car home kitchen park plane  
restaurant street train work



1 *She was on the train.*



2 They .



3 .



4 .



5 .



6 .



7 .



8 .



9 .



10 .

- b Answer the questions about you.

1 Where were you at 6:30 yesterday morning?

*I was in bed.*

2 Where were you at 11:00 yesterday morning?

3 Where were you at 2:00 yesterday afternoon?

4 Where were you at 5:30 yesterday afternoon?

5 Where were you at 9:00 last night?

6 Where were you at 11:00 last night?

7 Where were you last Friday night?

8 Where were you last Saturday afternoon?

## 3 PRONUNCIATION *was and were*, sentence rhythm

- a 10.2 Listen and complete the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

1 *Where were you last night?*

2 Were you at .

3 I was .

4 I  with my .

5 Were your  at .

6 My  was at .

- b 10.2 Listen again and repeat. Copy the rhythm.

## 4 WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN

Complete the missing words in the sentences.

century last luxury secret  
strong suspect together

1 There was a robbery at the bank *last* night and that man in the photo is a *suspect*.

2 There's a new  hotel in town – it's very expensive to stay there.

3 Please don't tell my friends about me and John. It's a .

4 The castle has very  walls.

5 In the 19th  the building was a factory, but it's a hotel now.

6 Toby's parents went to school .