

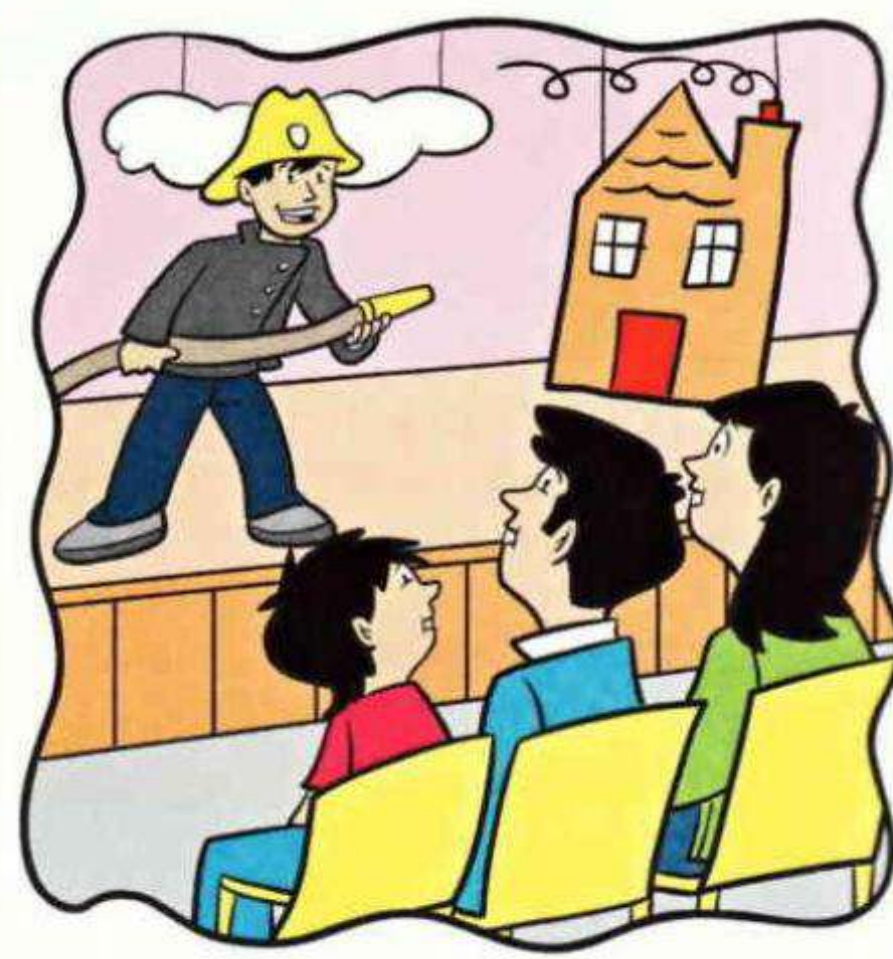
14 The school play

The past simple of be

Was and were



Jamie's tired. Yesterday he **was** in the school play. He **was** a fireman.



Mum and Dad **were** happy.



Was and **were** are the past simple forms of the verb **be**. We use the past simple of **be** with adjectives to describe feelings in the past.

Today (Tuesday)

*I **am** hot.*

*Jamie **is** tired.*

*Mum and Dad **are** tired.*

Yesterday (Monday)

*I **was** cold.*

*Jamie **was** happy.*

*Mum and Dad **were** happy.*

We also use the past simple of **be** to identify someone or something in the past, to talk about the location of someone or something in the past and to talk about the time and the weather in the past.

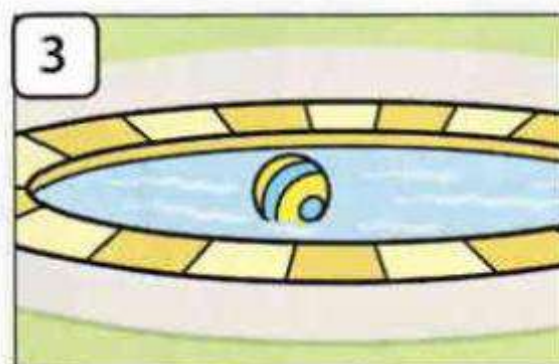
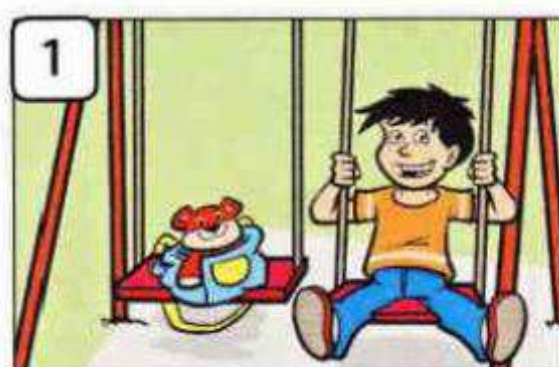
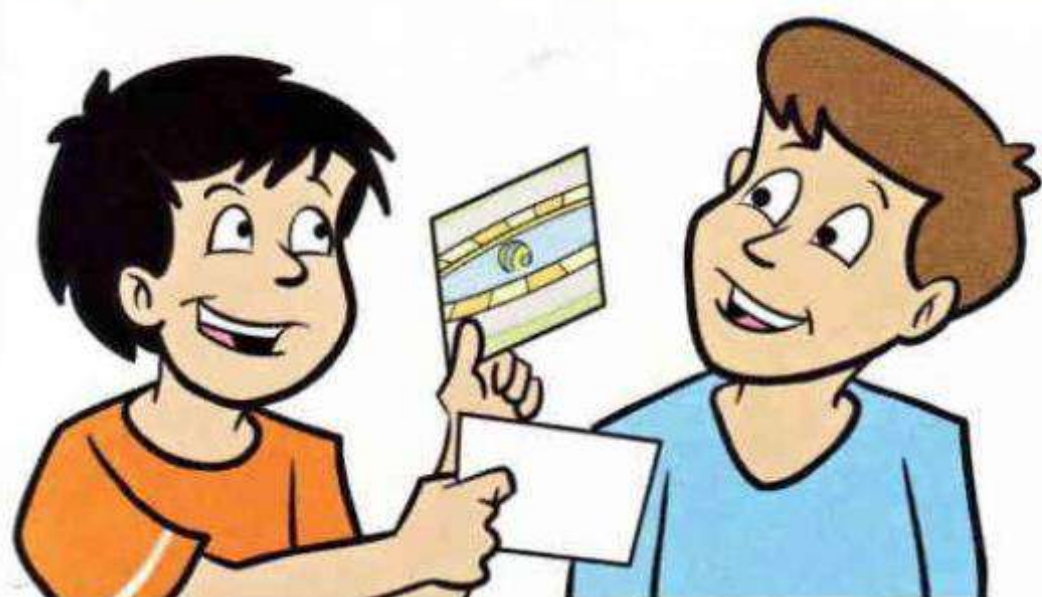
1 Circle the past simple forms of **be**.

Yesterday I was at the park. My friends were at the park. It was windy. There was a boy and a kite. The kite was in the tree. The boy was sad. There was a tall man. The kite was on the ground. Then it was in the sky. We were all happy.



2 Look and write. Use the past simple of **be** and the words from the box.

at the park hungry wet naughty happy kind



- 1 I was at the park.
- 2 I _____.
- 3 It _____.
- 4 They _____.
- 5 He _____.
- 6 We _____.

3 Where were they yesterday? Look and write.



She was at the zoo.



_____.



_____.



_____.



Jamie was a fireman. His friend Dave **wasn't** a fireman. He was a policeman. Alison **wasn't** in the play.



The negative forms of **was** and **were** are **was not** and **were not**. We usually use the short forms.

Affirmative

I **was**
you **were**
he **was**
she **was**
it **was**
we **were**
you **were**
they **were**

Negative (short form)

I **wasn't**
you **weren't**
he **wasn't**
she **wasn't**
it **wasn't**
we **weren't**
you **weren't**
they **weren't**

wasn't = was not
weren't = were not



4 Circle the correct past simple negative form of **be**.

- Mum and Dad **wasn't** / **weren't** sad.
- Alison **wasn't** / **weren't** good.
- Jamie **wasn't** / **weren't** a policeman.
- It **wasn't** / **weren't** sunny yesterday.
- We **wasn't** / **weren't** in the living room.

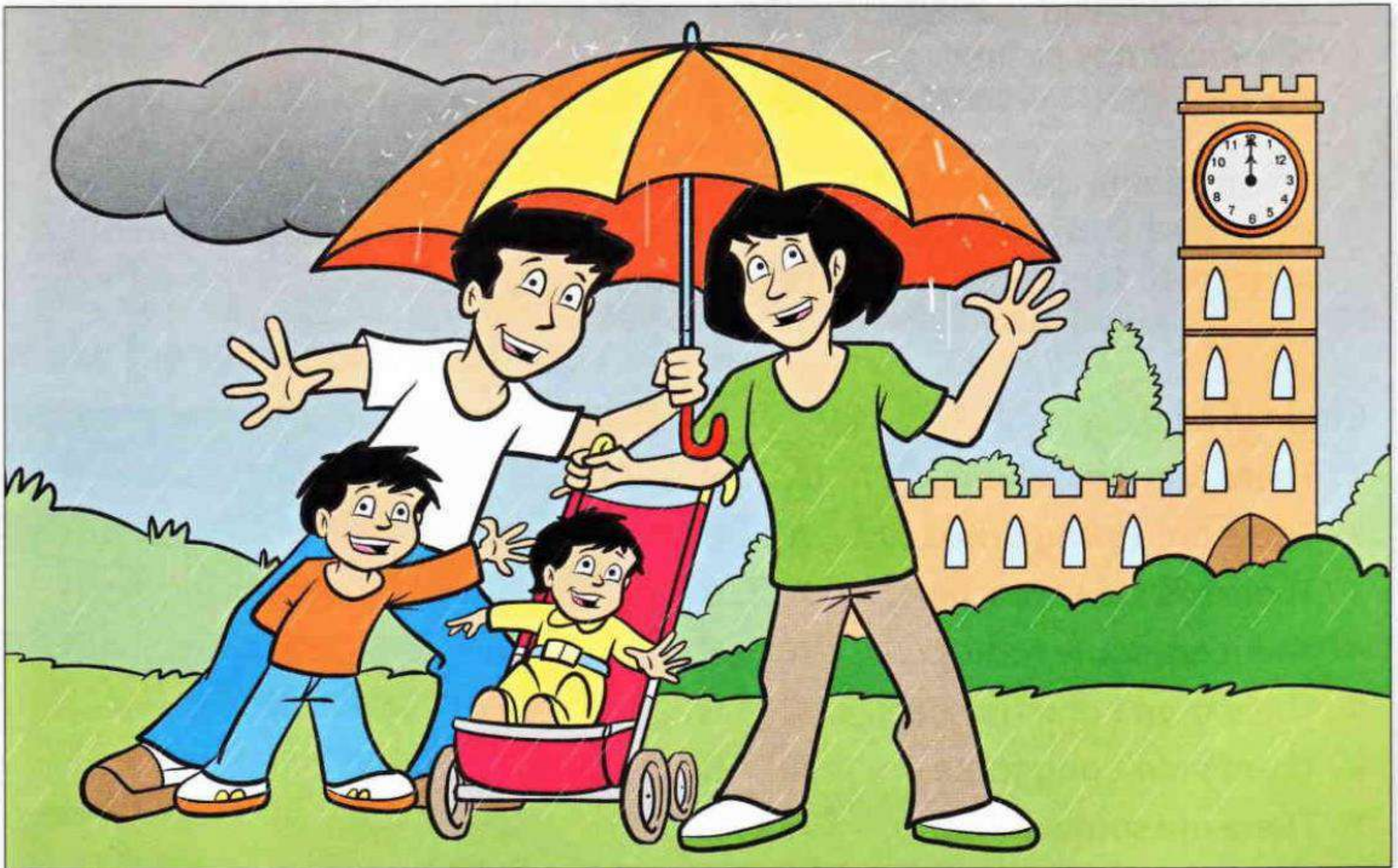
5 Make the sentences negative.

- 1 Jamie was a policeman. Jamie wasn't a policeman.
- 2 Dave was a fireman. _____.
- 3 Mum and Dad were sad. _____.
- 4 Alison was in the play. _____.
- 5 Yesterday it was sunny. _____.

6 Write. Use the correct affirmative or negative form of the verb **be.**

Jamie's school play was about jobs. Jamie (1) was a fireman.
Dave (2) _____ a fireman. He (3) _____ a policeman. Other girls and
boys (4) _____ doctors and nurses. Alison (5) _____ in the play.
She (6) _____ sad. Mum and Dad (7) _____ happy.

7 Look at the picture. True or false? Write T or F.



- 1 It wasn't sunny. T
- 2 Jamie was sad. _____
- 3 Alison was little. _____
- 4 Mum and Dad weren't dry. _____
- 5 It wasn't 12 o'clock. _____
- 6 Mum and Dad were happy. _____