Scuola Primaria Statale “Don Milani”
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“Verb Tenses”

PAST SIMPLE:

USE and FORM – verb TO BE
Now, let's know well and learn...

**PAST SIMPLE “USE” and “FORM”**

We use the “past simple tense” when:

- the event is **IN THE PAST**,  
- the event is **COMPLETELY FINISHED**,  
- we say (or understand) the **TIME** of the event.

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Know and learn:

**“Past simple” tense with “TO BE”**.

PAST SIMPLE of the verb “to be” in the POSITIVE FORM

- Look at this picture and read:
Write, read and repeat:
I was, you were, he was, she was, it was, we were, you were, they were.

ACTIVITIES

-Complete with “was / were”
1. Mary and Susan …………… ill yesterday.
2. The weather ………………… very hot last Saturday.
3. The students ………………… at the theatre last night.
4. Betty ……………………… in Germany last summer.
5. My brother and I …………………. at the football stadium on Saturday.
6. She ………………………. in USA last month.
7. You ………………………. very busy on Monday.
8. I …………………………… so happy yesterday.

-Put these sentences into the past simple. Use past form of the verb “TO BE”.

TODAY
1. Jane and Michael are tired.
2. She’s in the park.
3. It’s a sunny day.
4. You’re late.
5. They are hungry.
6. We are at work.
7. I’m thirsty.
8. You are at school.
9. We’re at the cinema.
10. Paula is happy.
11. Everyone is excited.
12. I’m afraid.

YESTERDAY
1. .................................................................
2. .................................................................
3. .................................................................
4. .................................................................
5. .................................................................
6. .................................................................
7. .................................................................
8. .................................................................
9. .................................................................
10. .................................................................
11. .................................................................
12. .................................................................

-WRITE TEN SENTENCES WITH “WAS” OR “WERE”.
1. .................................................................
George and Sally are talking about their first house. Use “was” or “were” and a word from the box to complete their conversation:

new Italian big green cheap cold bad

Example: George: The house was warm.
Sally: No, it was cold.

1. George: The garden was small.
   Sally: No, it ____________________________.

2. Sally: The neighbours were French.
   George: No, they ____________________________.

3. George: The living-room was red.
   Sally: No, it ____________________________.

4. Sally: Our first chairs were expensive.
   George: No, they ____________________________.

5. George: The kitchen was old.
   Sally: No, it ____________________________.

6. George: The local shops were good.
   Sally: No, they ____________________________.

Activities on-line  http://www.tuttoinglese.it/esercizi-past-simple-be.html
-Read and remember:

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<th>There was</th>
<th>an apple in the bowl.</th>
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<td>There were</td>
<td>three apples in the bowl.</td>
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-Read and complete with “there was” or “there were”.

Before....

- a bank near my house.
- two cats in the basket.
- ten children in the park.
- a small shop between the bank and the supermarket.
- many bottles of milk in the fridge.
- some pencils on the desk.
- only one book on the table.
- an old man in the street.
- a lot of noise in the classroom.
- a huge crocodile in the river.

-Write ten sentences with “there was” or “there were”.

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9. 
10. 

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PAST SIMPLE of the verb “to be” in the NEGATIVE FORM

Write, read and repeat.

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<th>Negative form</th>
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<td>I was not</td>
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Was - Were – Wasn’t – Weren’t

Look at these pictures and complete with was-were, wasn’t–weren’t.

1. The book ............. on top of the table.
2. Sara ................ at home yesterday morning.
3. They ............... at school all day.
4. John and Peter ............. always best friends.
5. Kate ................. completely exhausted.
6. Tim ............... really sad.
7. The boys ............ working. They .............. on holiday.
8. Paul’s backpack ............. really heavy.
9. Andrew ............ really hungry.
10. Jim ............... at home. He ............ at the hospital.

-Copy and complete these sentences with “wasn’t” or “weren’t”.
1. I’m here today but I ................. here yesterday.
2. Jennifer is tall now but she .................... tall two years ago.
3. It is rainy today but it ..................... yesterday.
4. Mr. Smith is angry now but he ....................... an hour ago.
5. The shops are open today but they ..................... on Sunday.
6. My car is clean today but it ......................... yesterday.
7. My father is at home now but he ....................... an hour ago.
8. The students are in class today but they .................. last week.
9. It is sunny now but it ......................... an hour ago.
10. We are hungry now but we ..................... twenty minutes ago.

-Make negative sentences using “was” or “were”:
Example: 1. Kevin / at my party. Kevin wasn’t at my party.
2. Nick / in class / yesterday. .............................................
3. It / warm / yesterday. .............................................
4. Tina and Jim / late. .............................................
5. He / on the bus. .............................................
6. We / at the match / yesterday. .............................................
7. Our teachers / pleased with us. .............................................
8. I / at the restaurant. .............................................

-Activities on-line: http://www.tuttoinglese.it/esercizi-past-simple-be.html
- Look at this picture, read and remember.

PAST SIMPLE of the verb “to be” in the INTERROGATIVE FORM

- Write, read and repeat.

Was I?
Were you?
Was he?
Was she?
Was it?
Were we?
Were you?
Were they?

- Your cousin spent last weekend in Madrid. Ask his some questions using “was” or “were”.

Example: (your hotel / good?)
Was your hotel good?

1. (your room / comfortable?) .................................
2. (the weather / nice?) .................................
3. (the streets / full of people?) .................................
4. (the shops / expensive?) .................................
5. (the city / exciting at night?) .................................
6. (the museums / interesting?) .................................
7. (the people / friendly?) .................................
8. (your flight / OK?) .................................
Make questions using “was” or “were”.

Example: Jim / at home / last night.   Was Jim at home last night?

1. you / at school / on Monday.       ..............................................?
2. David / here / yesterday.         ..............................................?
3. the cinema / open / on Sunday.     ..............................................?
4. Kate and Jane / late / yesterday.  ..............................................?
5. you / in the football team / last year. ..............................................?
6. all your friends / at your party.   ..............................................?
7. it / hot / last week.              ..............................................?

Complete these interrogative sentences with the verb to be in the past simple.

a. .......... the map on the table? Yes, ..........  
   b. .......... Sam and Peter in the hospital? No, ..........  
   c. .......... they in the bank? Yes, ..........  
   d. .......... you bored during the class? Yes, ..........  
   e. .......... the teacher near the door? No, ..........  
   f. .......... your friends at school yesterday? Yes, ..........  
   g. .......... Amy in New York? Yes, ..........  

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Read, choose and complete correctly.

1. Tom : ...................................... you happy on your birthday?
   Sally : Yes, I ......................................
........Was / were   ........Were / wasn't    ........Were / was   ........Was / was

2. Linda and Sue ..................... at the party last Sunday.
   ........are   ........was   ........wasn't    ........were

3. Jane : ..................... Kevin at school yesterday?
   Richard : Yes, he.............................
........were / were   ........was / was   ........was / wasn't   ........is / was
4. I'm at home today, but I .......................at home yesterday.
...was     ...were     ...weren't    ...wasn't

5. My father ....................... in the garden two hours ago.
...was     ...are     ...were     ...weren't

6. There .....................only 8 students in the class last Friday.
...was     ...am     ...were     ...do

7. Pat : .......................they at home at 11 o'clock?
Linda : No, they .........................
...were / was     ...was / weren't    ...were / wasn't    ...were / weren't

8. Yesterday, the sea ..................... warm and the
   weather .....................hot.
...were / wasn't  ...was / was  ...was / weren't  ...were / were

9. I ......................... at the cinema last night.
...was     ...am     ...were     ...is

10. ..................... was with you at the cafe last night?
...Who     ...How     ...When     ...Why

11. Mary: ..................... the film good last night?
    Paul : Yes, it ....................
...were / was     ...was / was     ...were / wasn't    ...were / weren't

12. It ..................... very hot yesterday.
...were     ...weren't    ...is     ...wasn't

-Turn the sentences into negative and interrogative forms.

a. Tracy was very happy yesterday.
   Negative: .................................................................
   Interrogative: .............................................................

b. We were very busy last week.
   Negative: .................................................................
   Interrogative: .............................................................
c. My mother was tired this morning.
Negative: ..........................................................
Interrogative: ...................................................

-Write nine sentences with “to be” in past simple tense (affirmative – negative – interrogative forms).
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“THERE WAS – THERE WERE”
(AFFIRMATIVE-NEGATIVE-INTERROGATIVE FORMS)

Remember:

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<td>YES, THERE WERE.</td>
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-Look at this picture and complete with “there was” or “there were” (affirmative, negative, interrogative forms)

| _____ _____ a house in the picture? |
| No, _____ _____ .                    |
| _____ _____ a boy riding a bike?    |
| Yes, _____ _____ .                  |
| _____ _____ three birds in the sky? |
| Yes, _____ _____ .                  |
| _____ _____ three trees in the picture? |
| No, _____ _____ .                   |
| _____ _____ a cat playing with a ball? |
| No, _____ _____ .                   |
“TO BE” (PRESENT and PAST)

-Write the correct form of the verb “to be” (am/is/are - was/were)

-I .......... at home yesterday.
-My sister .......... playing tennis now.
-No, last year we ........... on holidays.
-Where .......... you yesterday?.
-Today they .......... happy.
-Last night they ........... tired.
-What ........... the weather like today?.
-We can't go to the beach because it ........... raining.
-Last week Tom and Susan ........... ill but they ........... fine now.
-Yesterday there ........... a dog in the street.
-Yesterday there ........... three dogs in the street.
-No, my brothers ........... at school yesterday, it ........... Sunday!!!
-I ...........hungry and thirsty now.

-Use am/is/are - was/were

-Sara ........... a teacher now. She ........... a student 10 years ago.
-My English ........... terrible when I ...... a teenager. It ........... quite good now.
-My father ........... young and strong, but he ........... an old man now.
-The weather ........... lovely today. It ........... cold and snowy 10 days ago.
-The weather ........... quite cold yesterday. It ........... lovely today.
-My uncle ........... very poor. He ........... a millionaire ten years ago.
-I live in a big city. About 50 years ago it ........... a small town.
-They ........... a perfect couple, but they ........... not any more.
-Maria and I ...........good friends once, now we enemies.
-My father ........... bald now. He had long hair when ........... young.
“TO BE” - PAST SIMPLE TENSE
(use and form)

1) Read and complete these sentences with “was” or “were”.
- The weather .......... terrible yesterday.
- I ............ ill over weekend.
- My parents .......... unhappy with my exam results.
- You ............ in the library after school yesterday.
- There ............ a lot of people at the pool this morning.

2) Read and complete these sentences with “wasn’t” or “weren’t”.
- She ............ at school yesterday.
- My parents ............ at home this evening.
- You ............ on the bus to school this morning.
- The football coach ............ happy with the result.
- Julia Hill ............ Australian.

3) Complete these dialogues. Use the correct past simple form of the verb “to be”.
A- Where ............ you at 10.00 am. this morning?
B- I ............ in bed!
A- .......... your friends in the park, yesterday?
B- Yes, they .......... We played football together.
A- .......... your father at home, yesterday?
B- No, he .......... . He .......... at work.
A- .......... your uncle British?
B- No, he .......... . He .......... American?

4) Read, choose and complete correctly.
1. Steven : What ............ your father's job?
   Michael : He ............ a teacher.
   ...were / were ..... was / was .....wasn't / was .....are / was
2. Five years ago you ............ a student. Now, you ............ a teacher.
   ...was / are ..... are / were .....were / are .....was / is
3. There ............ three eggs in the fridge.
   ...were ..... was .....wasn't ..... am
4. We ............ at the cinema last Sunday.
...are ...was ...wasn’t ...were

5. There ...................... two sandwiches in the fridge an hour ago, but now there................. only one.
...was / was ...were / is ...were / were ...are / is

...was / am ...were / was ...was / were ...am / was

7. Sean ................ten years old last year.
...was .... are ...were ...do

8. Last summer my friends and I ..................in Antalya for holiday.
...was ... were ...is ....are

...isn’t ...wasn’t ...weren’t ...aren’t

10. The children .................. in their room two hours ago.
...was ...is ...were ...do

5)Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense or past tense.

Arturo and Ryo (be) ________ at the party last night.
The old house (be) ________ built in 1967.
I (be) ________ very tired. I (be) ________ tired yesterday too.
Tennis (be) ________ my favourite sport when I was in high school. Now my favourite sport (be) ________ football.
Mallika and I (be) ________ at Jenny's house yesterday.Now, we (be) ________ at Mellissa's house.
Sarah (be) ________ at the party last night. Li-Ning and Akmoud (be) ________ there too.

6) Write six sentences with “to be” in past simple tense (affirmative – negative – interrogative forms).

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