

Verb to be – Simple Past

1. Complete.

I *was*
You

He

She

It

We *were*
You

They

2. Complete with *was* or *were*.

1. John at home last week.
2. They at the cinema yesterday.
3. Your parents at the station at nine o'clock.
4. Mary in the street this morning.
5. My aunt in hospital yesterday morning.
6. I at school this morning.
7. Jill and Kevin at the zoo last Sunday.
8. We in a Chinese restaurant last night.

3. Write these sentences in the negative form.

1. Mum was at home this morning.
2. Paul and Mary were in the shop.
3. His friends were very happy yesterday afternoon.
4. I was late for the cinema.
5. We were at home to watch a film on TV.

4. Answer these questions with short answers, as in the example.

1. Were you at home last night? *Yes, I was / No, I wasn't*
2. Was it hot yesterday?
3. Were your friends at home last Monday?
4. Was your father at work this morning?
5. Were you in class yesterday morning?

Answers

Exercise 1:

I was
You were
He was
She was
It was

We were
You were
They were

Exercise 2:

1. John was at home last week.
2. They were at the cinema yesterday.
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4. Mary was in the street this morning.
5. My aunt was in hospital yesterday morning.
6. I was at school this morning.
7. Jill and Kevin were at the zoo last Sunday.
8. We were in a Chinese restaurant last night.

Exercise 3:

1. Mum wasn't at home this morning.
2. Paul and Mary weren't in the shop.
3. His friends weren't very happy yesterday afternoon.
4. I was late for the cinema.
5. We weren't at home to watch a film on TV.

Exercise 4:

2. Yes, it was / no, it wasn't
3. Yes, they were / no, they weren't
4. Yes, he was / no he wasn't
5. Yes, they were / no, they weren't