was/were

A

last night → now

Robert **is** at work now.

At midnight last night, he **wasn't** at work.

He **was** in bed.
He **was** asleep.

am/is (present) → **was** (past):
- ○ I **am** tired. (now) — I **was** tired **last night**.
- ○ Where **is** Kate? (now) — Where **was** Kate **yesterday**?
- ○ The weather **is** nice today. — The weather **was** nice **last week**.

are (present) → **were** (past):
- ○ You **are** late. (now) — You **were** late **yesterday**.
- ○ They **aren't** here. (now) — They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

B

Affirmative		Negative		Question	
I he she it	**was**	I he she it	**was not** (**wasn't**)	**was**	I? he? she? it?
we you they	**were**	we you they	**were not** (**weren't**)	**were**	we? you? they?

- ○ Last year Rachel **was** 22, so she **is** 23 now.
- ○ When I **was** a child, I **was** scared of dogs.
- ○ We **were** hungry after the trip, but we **weren't** tired.
- ○ The hotel **was** comfortable, but it **wasn't** expensive.

- ○ **Was** the weather nice when you **were** on vacation?
- ○ Your shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
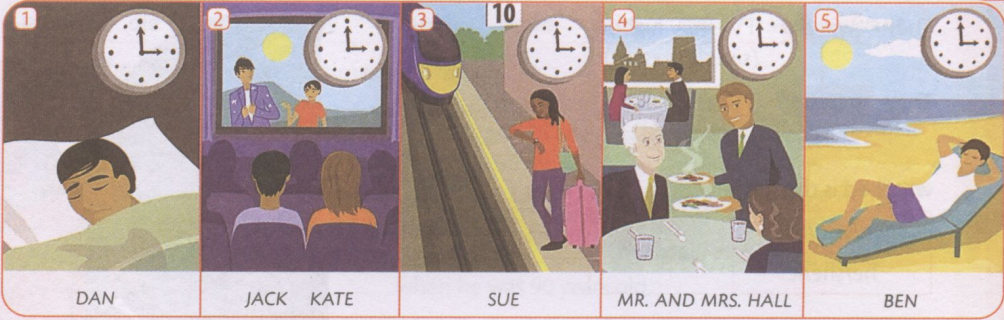- ○ Why **were** you late this morning?

C

Short answers

Yes,	I/he/she/it **was**.		No,	I/he/she/it **wasn't**.
	we/you/they **were**.			we/you/they **weren't**.

- ○ "**Were you** late?" "**No, I wasn't.**"
- ○ "**Was Tom** at work yesterday?" "**Yes, he was.**"
- ○ "**Were Sue and Jim** at the party?" "**No, they weren't.**"

Exercises

10.1 Where were these people at 3:00 yesterday afternoon?

| DAN | JACK   KATE | SUE | MR. AND MRS. HALL | BEN |

1 _Dan was in bed._
2 Jack and Kate ....
3 Sue ....
4 ....
5 ....
6 And you? I ....

10.2 Write **am/is/are** (present) or **was/were** (past).

1 Last year she ..._was_... 22, so she ..._is_... 23 now.
2 Today the weather .... nice, but yesterday it .... very cold.
3 I .... hungry. Can I have something to eat?
4 I feel fine this morning, but I .... very tired last night.
5 Where .... you at 11:00 last Friday morning?
6 Don't buy those shoes. They .... very expensive.
7 I like your new jacket. .... it expensive?
8 This time last year I .... in Paris.
9 "Where .... Sam and Joe?"   "I don't know. They .... here a few minutes ago."

10.3 Write **was/were** or **wasn't/weren't**.

1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room ..._was_... very small, and it ..._wasn't_... clean.
2 Nick .... at work last week because he .... sick. He's better now.
3 Yesterday .... a holiday, so the banks .... closed. They're open today.
4 "........................ Kate and Bill at the party?"   "Kate .... there, but Bill ...."
5 Where are my keys? They .... on the table, but they're not there now.
6 You .... home last night. Where .... you?

10.4 Write questions from these words + **was/were**. Put the words in the right order.

1 (late / you / this morning / why?)
   Why were you late this morning? ──→ The traffic was bad.

2 (difficult / your exam?)
   .... ──→ No, it was easy.

3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)
   .... ──→ They were on vacation.

4 (your new camera / how much?)
   .... ──→ One hundred and twenty dollars.

5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)
   .... ──→ Because you were late.

6 (nice / the weather / last week?)
   .... ──→ Yes, it was beautiful.