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Past of be

I was born here.	I wasn't born in the U.K.	Were you in class yesterday? Yes, I was . / No, I wasn't .
You were pretty young.	You weren't very old.	Was your first teacher American? Yes, she was . / No, she wasn't .
She was seventeen.	She wasn't in college.	Were your parents born in the U.S.? Yes, they were . / No, they weren't .
We were at the hair salon.	We weren't at the café.	
They were born in Chile.	They weren't born in Peru.	

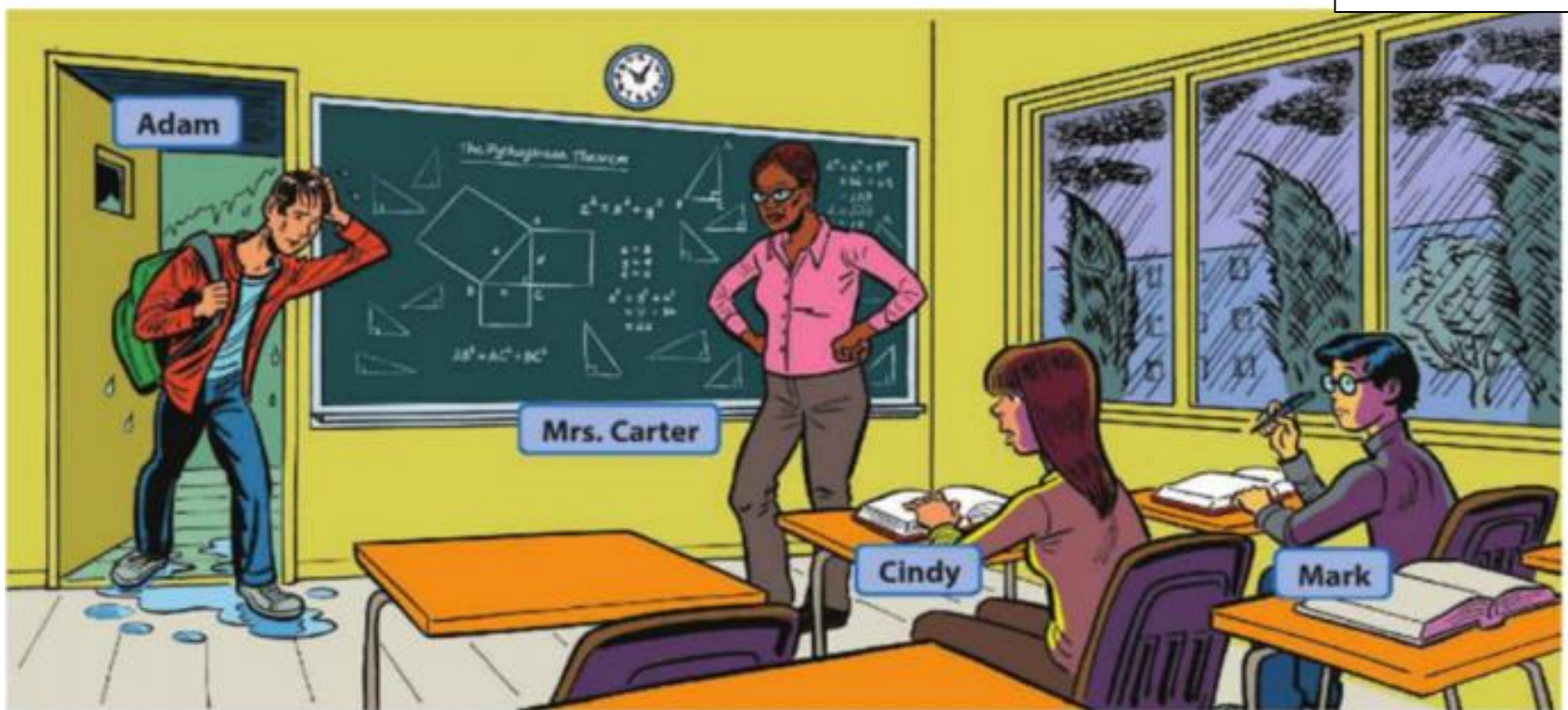
wasn't = was not weren't = were not

A Melissa is talking about her family. Choose the correct verb forms. Then compare with a partner.

My family and I ... were (was / were) all born in South Korea – we ... Weren't (wasn't / weren't) born in the U.S. I ... Was (was / were) born in the city of Incheon, and my brother ... Was (was / were) born there, too. My parents ... Weren't (wasn't / weren't) born in Incheon. They ... Were (was / were) born in the capital, Seoul. In South Korea, my father ... Was (was / were) a businessman and my mother ... Was (was / were) a teacher.

B PAIR WORK Look at the picture below. Ask and answer these questions.

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| 1. Was Adam on time for class yesterday? | |
| 2. Was it English class? | No, it wasn't. It was a math class |
| 3. Was it a sunny day? | No, it wasn't. It was a cloudy day |
| 4. Was it 10:00? | Yes, it was |
| 5. Was Mrs. Carter very angry? | Yes, she was |
| 6. Were Cindy and Mark late to class? | No, they weren't. They were early |
| 7. Were they at the board? | No, they weren't |
| 8. Were the windows open? | No, it weren't. The windows were close |



A: Was Adam on time for class yesterday?
B: No, he wasn't. He was late. Was it English class?

1 Past of be | (Page 46)

Present		Past
am/is	→	was
are	→	were

Complete the conversations with *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, or *weren't*.

- A: *Were* you here yesterday?
B: No, I *Wasn't* I *was* home in bed.
A: Oh, *Were* you sick?
B: No. I *Was* just really tired.
- A: Where *Were* you born?
B: I *Was* born here in New York.
A: Really? What about your parents? *Were* they born here, too?
B: No, they *Weren't* They *Were* born in Brazil – in Salvador.
- A: Where *Was* Yusef last week? *Was* he on vacation?
B: Yes, he *Was* He and his best friend *Were* in Spain. They *Were* in Barcelona.
A: *Was* it a good trip?
B: Yes, it was. Yusef said it *Was* a terrific trip!

2 Wh-questions with *did*, *was*, and *were* (Page 48)

- ▶ Don't use *did* with the past of *be*: Where **were** you last Tuesday? (NOT: ~~Where did you were last Tuesday?~~) Use *did* in simple past questions with other verbs: Where **did** you **go** last Tuesday?
- ▶ *Because* answers the question *Why*?

Complete the questions. Use the words in the box.

✓ how	what	where	why
how old	when	who	

- A: *How* was your childhood?
B: I had a fantastic childhood!
- A: *Where* did you grow up?
B: I grew up in Dallas, Texas.
- A: *How old* were you when you started school?
B: I think I was five.
- A: *When* did you leave home?
B: In 2008.
- A: *Who* was your best friend in high school?