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Past of be

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

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?