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Past of be

I **was** born here. I **wasn't** born in the U.K.
 You **were** pretty young. You **weren't** very old.
 She **was** seventeen. She **wasn't** in college.
 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

Were you in class yesterday?
 Yes, I **was**. / No, I **wasn't**.
Was your first teacher American?
 Yes, she **was**. / No, she **wasn't**.
Were your parents born in the U.S.?
 Yes, they **were**. / No, they **weren't**.

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 PAIRWORK Look at the picture below. Ask and answer these questions.

1. Was Adam on time for class yesterday?
2. Was it English class?
3. Was it a sunny day?
4. Was it 10:00?
5. Was Mrs. Carter very angry?
6. Were Cindy and Mark late to class?
7. Were they at the board?
8. Were the windows open?



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

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: did you grow up?
B: I grew up in Dallas, Texas.
- A: were you when you started school?
B: I think I was five.
- A: did you leave home?
B: In 2008.
- A: was your best friend in high school?