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3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

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.?

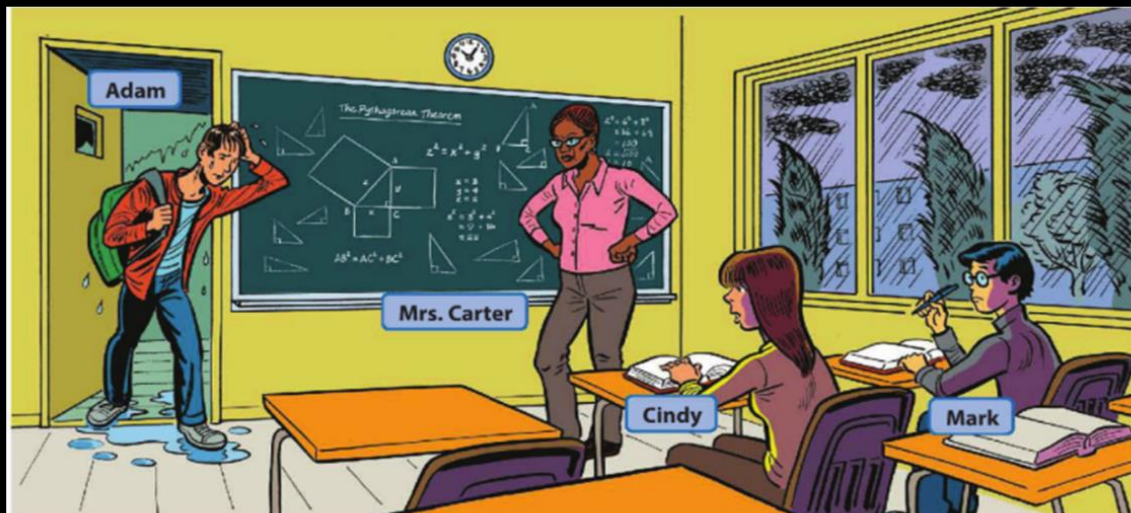
Yes, they **were**. / No, they **weren't**.

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

My family and Iwere..... (was / were) all born in South Korea – weWeren't..... (wasn't / weren't) born in the U.S. IWas..... (was / were) born in the city of Incheon, and my brotherWas..... (was / were) born there, too. My parentsWeren't..... (wasn't / weren't) born in Incheon. TheyWere..... (was / were) born in the capital, Seoul. In South Korea, my fatherWas..... (was / were) a businessman and my motherWas..... (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?



1 Past of be (page 101)



▶ 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^{Were}..... Yusef last week?^{Was}..... he on vacation?
 B: Yes, he^{Was}..... . He and his best friend^{Were}..... in Spain. They^{Were}..... in Barcelona.

A:^{Were}..... it a good trip?

B: Yes, it was. Yusef said it^{Were}..... a terrific trip!



2 Wh-questions with *did*, *was*, and *were* (page 103)



- ▶ 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?