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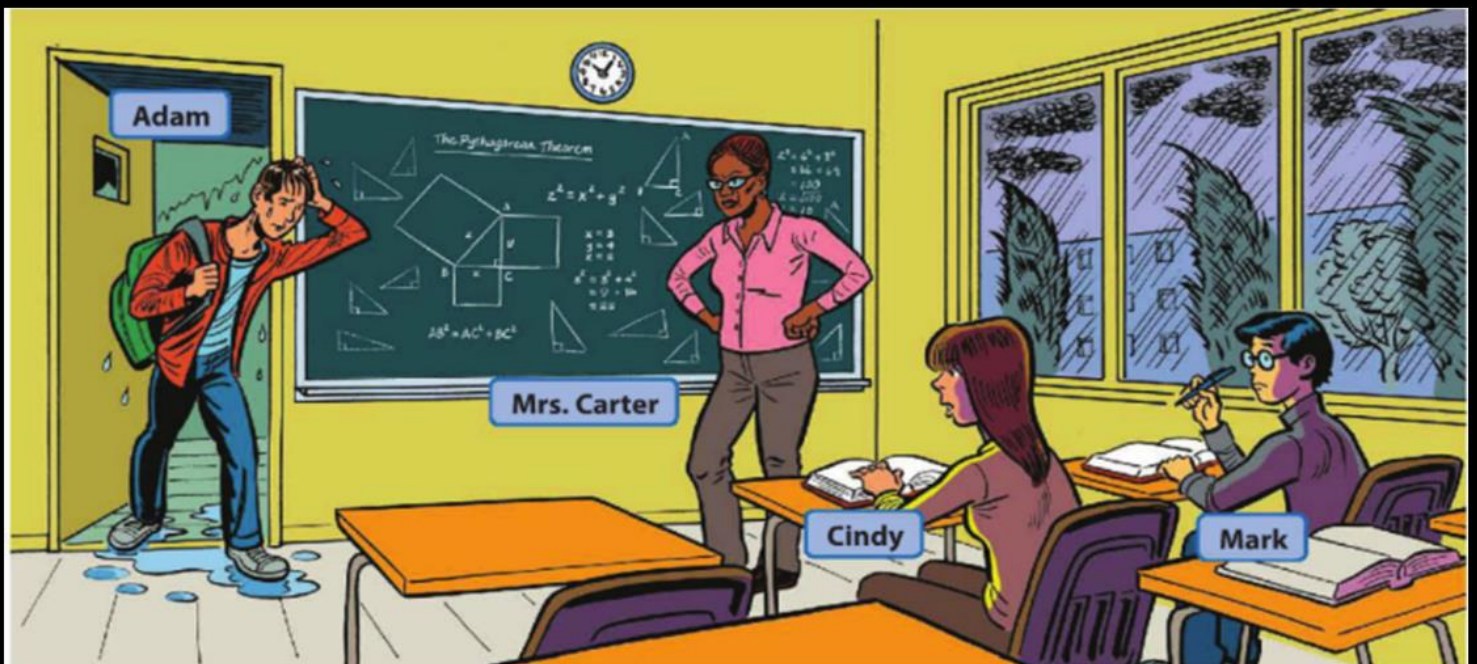
I was born here.	I wasn't born in the U.K.	Were you in class yesterday? Yes, I was . / No, I wasn't .
You were pretty young.	You weren't very old.	Was your first teacher American? Yes, she was . / No, she wasn't .
She was seventeen.	She wasn't in college.	Were your parents born in the U.S.? Yes, they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

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 .. *Was* 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 . *were* 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 *Was* 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?