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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?

**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?