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3 GRAMMAR FOCUS (Page 49)

Past of be

I **was** born here.
You **were** pretty young.
She **was** seventeen.
We **were** at the hair salon.
They **were** born in Chile.

I **wasn't** born in the U.K.
You **weren't** very old.
She **wasn't** in college.
We **weren't** at the café.
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 were not (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 were not (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?

1- Was Adam on time for class yesterday?
no, Adam was not.

2- Was it English class?
no, it was not.

3- Was it a sunny day?
no, it was not.

4- Was it 10:00?
yes, it was

5- Was Mrs. Carter very angry?
yes, Mrs. Carter was very angry.

6- Were Cindy and Mark late to class?
→ NO, Cindy and Mark were not
→ NO, They were not late to class.

7- Were they at the board?
yes, they was

8- Were the windows open?
not the windows were not open.

1 Past of be (Page 46)

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 not. I was home in bed.
A: Oh, were you sick?
B: No. I was not 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 not. 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?