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Past of be

I <b>was</b> born here.	I <b>wasn't</b> born in the U.K.	<b>Were</b> you in class yesterday? Yes, I <b>was</b> . / No, I <b>wasn't</b> .
You <b>were</b> pretty young.	You <b>weren't</b> very old.	<b>Was</b> your first teacher American? Yes, she <b>was</b> . / No, she <b>wasn't</b> .
She <b>was</b> seventeen.	She <b>wasn't</b> in college.	<b>Were</b> your parents born in the U.S.? Yes, they <b>were</b> . / No, they <b>weren't</b> .
We <b>were</b> at the hair salon.	We <b>weren't</b> at the café.	
They <b>were</b> born in Chile.	They <b>weren't</b> 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 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.

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Was Adam on time for class yesterday? | <b>NO, HE WASN'T</b>   | 5. Was Mrs. Carter very angry?        | <b>YES, SHE WAS</b>       |
| 2. Was it English class?                 | <b>NO, IT WAS NOT.</b> | 6. Were Cindy and Mark late to class? | <b>NO, THEY WEREN'T</b>   |
| 3. Was it a sunny day?                   | <b>NO, IT WAS NOT.</b> | 7. Were they at the board?            | <b>NO, THEY WERE NOT.</b> |
| 4. Was it 10:00?                         | <b>NO, IT WASN'T.</b>  | 8. Were the windows open?             | <b>NO, IT WAS NOT.</b>    |



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 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?