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## 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 ..... <sup>were</sup> (was / were) all born in South Korea – we ..... <sup>were</sup> (wasn't / weren't) born in the U.S. I ..... <sup>were</sup> (was / were) born in the city of Incheon, and my brother ..... <sup>was</sup> (was / were) born there, too. My parents ..... <sup>were</sup> (wasn't / weren't) born in Incheon. They ..... <sup>were</sup> (was / were) born in the capital, Seoul. In South Korea, my father ..... <sup>was</sup> (was / were) a businessman and my mother ..... <sup>was</sup> (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 Past of *be* | (Page 46)



▶ Present		Past
am/is	→	<b>was</b>
are	→	<b>were</b>

Complete the conversations with *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, or *weren't*.

- A: ..... *Were* ..... you here yesterday?  
 B: No, I ..... *Weren't* ..... . I ..... *Were* ..... home in bed.  
 A: Oh, ..... *Were* ..... you sick?  
 B: No. I ..... *Weren't* ..... just really tired.
- A: Where ..... *Were* ..... you born?  
 B: I ..... *Were* ..... 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?