

You use the TO BE past simple when you want to talk about something at a definite time in the past: **yesterday, last night, in 1981.**

AFFIRMATIVE

Rick **was** fat last year.
They **were** schoolmates ten years ago. ★

Rick **wasn't** fat last year.
They **weren't** schoolmates ten years ago.
Was Rick fat last year?

NEGATIVE

Yes, he **was**.
No, he **wasn't**. ★

INTERROGATIVE

Were they schoolmates ten years ago?
Yes, they **were**.
No, they **weren't**. ★

Activity

1 Fill in the blanks. Use was or were.

a You were very busy on Friday.

b They were in front of the supermarket.

c We were brave the last year.

d I was in the museum.

e She was in South Africa last month.

f Jessica and Kimberly were late for school.

2 Fill in the blanks. Use to be past.

A GREAT DAY!

Yesterday was (be) a great day. I _____ (be) on a trip with my family. We _____ (be) at the beach all day. My parents _____ (be) happy because they _____ (not/be) at work. My sister _____ (be) in the sea all morning. The water _____ (be) cold but I _____ (not/be) in it for long. It _____ (be) hot and my brother _____ (not/be) very smart – he didn't use sun cream so he got burnt!

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3 Answer the next question, taking into account the "A great day" fragment.

- a Were they at the beach yesterday? yes, they were at the beach
- b Was his dad happy? yes, he was happy
- c Was it a cold day? no, it wasn't a cold day
- d Where was your sister all the morning? she was in the sea all morning
- e Did he use a cream? yes, he did

4 Complete with was not or were not. no fue no fueron

- a I was not in Canberra last spring.
- b We were not at school last Saturday.
- c Tina was not at home yesterday.
- d He was not cheerful and responsible three years ago.
- e Samuel was not lazy and naughty the last year.
- f George and Emmanuel was not messy and mean.

5 Match the sentences with the pictures.

1. Jean was selfish the last month.



2. That place was creepy the last year.



3. Angel was dirty in 2011.



4. They were friendly when they were six years.



5. Sam was clumsy six years ago.



6. He was thirsty two hours ago.

