

Verb "To Be" Past Tense - Affirmative and Negative

A Put the correct form of the verb "to be" (was/were) in the past tense in the following sentences.

- Jyoti _____ sick yesterday.
- We _____ in the same class last year.
- I _____ tired after a long day at work.
- The weather _____ beautiful yesterday.
- Last semester my teachers _____ very good.
- The children _____ hungry after so much exercise.
- The wind _____ very strong last night.
- She _____ very happy last week.
- They _____ nervous on the first day of school.
- Luckily, the windows _____ closed during the rain storm.
- We _____ very happy to get your letter last week.
- The boys _____ tired after the ball game.

B Put the correct negative form of the verb "to be" (wasn't/ weren't) in the following sentences.

- They _____ at school yesterday because it was Saturday.
- He _____ hungry at supper time because he ate a big lunch.
- Shilla _____ happy to see her boyfriend with another girl.
- Bonnie _____ at home last night when I called her.
- The teacher _____ satisfied with the student's work.



C Complete the following sentences with wasn't or weren't.

- Ex. I am at work today, but I wasn't here yesterday.*
- It is cold outside today, but _____.
 - She is sick today, but _____.
 - They are at school today, but _____.
 - The TV show is good today, but _____.
 - The apples are sweet today, but _____.
 - The class is interesting today, but _____.
 - The boss is angry today, but _____.
 - The door is locked today, but _____.
 - The exercises are easy today, but _____.

PAST TENSE OF THE VERB "TO BE" - YES/NO QUESTIONS

Practice making questions and giving short answers with the verb "to be" in the past tense.

Ex. Were you tired last night? Yes, I was. (I was tired last night.)

- _____ (It wasn't cold outside yesterday.)
- _____ (They weren't sick last week.)
- _____ (Don was at the office last Saturday.)
- _____ (The car was expensive.)
- _____ (The children weren't excited.)
- _____ (The store wasn't open.)
- _____ (The movie was interesting.)
- _____ (The food wasn't good.)

PAST TENSE OF THE VERB "TO BE" - INFORMATION QUESTIONS

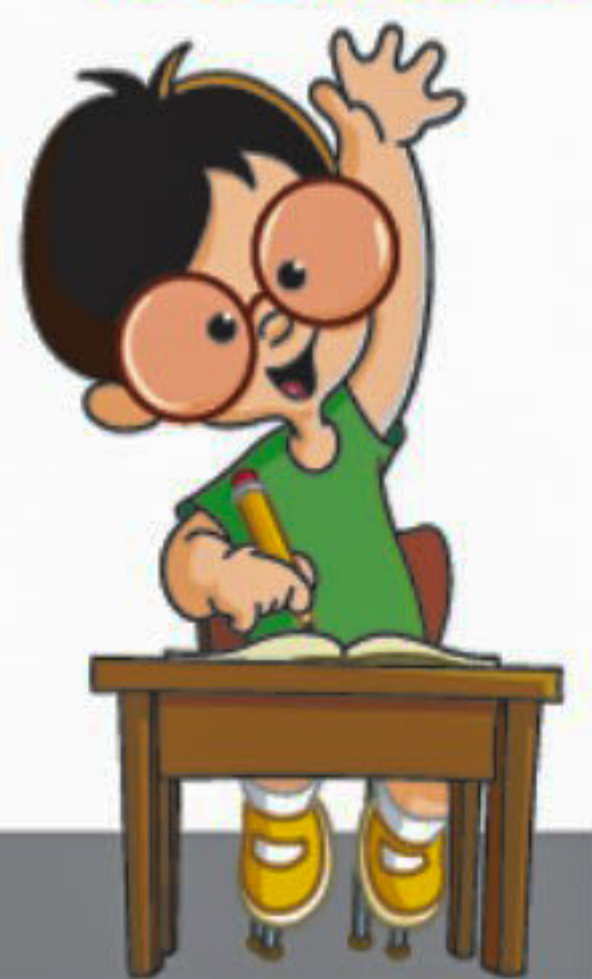
Use the correct question word (who, what, where, when, why, how many) and the correct form of the verb "to be" in the past tense to make questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. Why was she absent yesterday? She was absent because she was sick.

- _____ She was tired because she worked hard all day.
- _____ She was at the mall last night.
- _____ There were twenty people at the party.
- _____ A diamond ring was in the box.
- _____ The secretary was in the office.
- _____ The students were absent last Tuesday.
- _____ She was late because she missed her bus.
- _____ Mrs. Jones was at the door.

SIMPLE PAST TENSE - REGULAR VERBS

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the past tense.



play / listen / paint / water / visit / mail / help / arrive / learn / watch / change / wait

- I _____ my friend in the hospital last night.
- The boys _____ baseball in the field behind the school.
- Rony _____ his wife wash the dishes.
- We _____ our living room a soft blue color.
- Surma _____ TV for two hours last night.
- We _____ planes on the way to New York.
- I _____ the letter on the way to work.
- She _____ for him for 20 minutes at the coffee shop.
- They _____ how to swim many years ago.
- She _____ the flowers in the garden yesterday.
- The students _____ late for class.
- We _____ to the radio until midnight.

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

SIMPLE PAST TENSE - NEGATIVE

Change the following sentences to a negative and then write another sentence of your own in the affirmative.

Ex. Mary baked a cake. Mary didn't bake a cake. She baked cookies.

- The boys played soccer.
- Cynthia called her mother.
- Anik fixed his TV.
- Pritom danced with Belly.
- Ann studied history.



PAST TENSE - IRREGULAR VERB PRACTICE

A. Write the correct past tense for each of the following verbs

Ex. catch - caught

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| 1. cut _____ | 11. shake _____ |
| 2. dig _____ | 12. shoot _____ |
| 3. cost _____ | 13. shut _____ |
| 4. meet _____ | 14. sit _____ |
| 5. read _____ | 15. sing _____ |
| 6. ride _____ | 16. sleep _____ |
| 7. run _____ | 17. speak _____ |
| 8. see _____ | 18. spend _____ |
| 9. sell _____ | 19. stand _____ |
| 10. send _____ | 20. swim _____ |

B. WORD SCRAMBLE



Unscramble the following words. Then write the present tense of each verb beside the past irregular verb.

Scrambled word	Unscrambled word	Verb Present Tense
etnw	went	go
1. meca	_____	_____
2. gunbe	_____	_____
3. dema	_____	_____
4. lbew	_____	_____
5. okbre	_____	_____
6. hocse	_____	_____
7. idd	_____	_____
8. lrndan	_____	_____
9. tae	_____	_____
10. voedr	_____	_____
11. ghtaut	_____	_____
12. oldt	_____	_____
13. woret	_____	_____
14. wkoe	_____	_____



CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD TO FILL IN THE BLANKS!

- There is always the _____ that the plane will be early. (OPPORTUNITY / CHANCE / POSSIBILITY)
- My grandfather gave me a very useful piece of _____ (ADVISE / ADVICE).
- The strike will _____ all trains in the London area. (EFFECT / AFFECT)
- The police will _____ anyone from leaving the building. (AVOID / PREVENT)
- Come and sit down _____ me. (BESIDE / BESIDES)
- _____ managing the shop, he teaches in the evening. (BESIDE / BESIDES)
- Can you switch to _____ 4 for the news? (CHANNEL / CANAL)
- Our team has a good _____ of winning. (OPPORTUNITY / CHANCE / POSSIBILITY)
- You should travel early to _____ traffic jams. (AVOID / PREVENT)
- I am getting fed up with her _____ complaints. (CONTINUAL / CONTINUOUS)
- It took two policemen to _____ the traffic. (DIRECT / CONDUCT)
- I _____ you to put all your money into a savings account. (ADVISE / ADVICE)
- I didn't have much _____ on my birthday. (FUN / FUNNY).
- Don't _____ my sunglasses if you borrow them. (DAMAGE / HARM)
- The English _____ is beautiful in spring. (NATURE / COUNTRYSIDE)
- He didn't mean to _____ the girl. (DAMAGE / HARM)
- You can get a good _____ of the sea from the church tower. (VIEW / SCENERY)
- Her jewels were all imitations; they are quite _____ (PRICELESS / WORTHLESS).
- You can take a boat trip around the _____ of Amsterdam. (CHANNEL / CANAL)
- Anik Chowdhury will _____ the orchestra at the concert. (DIRECT / CONDUCT)

ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED AUGUST 31, 2015)

- Answer Key- Time
- 1. VOCABULARY**
- A. Focus on the Reading**
- mysteries
 - definite
 - enables
 - dripped
 - shadow
 - accurate
 - figures
 - digital
 - precisely
 - consider
- B. Focus on New Contexts**
- precisely
 - mystery
 - accurate
 - in fact
 - over
 - figures
 - consider
 - enable
 - dripped
 - digital
- 2. UNDERSTANDING THE READING**
- A. Comprehension Questions**
- Possible answers:
- No one can say exactly what it is.
 - ... by the second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year, decade, and century.
 - It makes our way of life possible.
 - All members of a group have to measure time in the same way.
 - Ancient Egypt.
 - Beautiful. Some had complicated and interesting moving parts. Some had figures of people and animals. Some played music.
 - Accurate, traditional or digital, and sometimes complicated.
 - People in different cultures think about it differently.
- B. Details**
- c
 - d
 - c
 - a
 - b
 - d
- 3. Main Ideas**
- 1 and 4
- 5. WORD STUDY**
- A. Prepositions**
- about
 - by
 - of
 - of
 - of
 - of
 - in
 - in
 - in
 - in
 - to
 - in
 - to
 - of
 - of
 - of
 - of
 - of
 - of
 - of
- B. Noun Substitutes**
- time
 - earliest people
 - religious people
 - watches
 - schedules
 - time
- 6. BUILDING VOCABULARY SKILLS**
- c
 - g
 - e
 - h
 - d
 - a
 - f
 - b