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VERB TO BE IN PAST SIMPLE

THERE IS – THERE ARE / THERE WAS – THERE WERE

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

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VERB TO BE IN SIMPLE PAST TENSE

SIMPLE PAST

In the **SIMPLE PAST** the verb **'to be'** has two irregular forms: **'was'** and **'were'**.





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SINGULAR

I was

You were

He }
She }
It } was

PLURAL

We }
You }
They } were



POSITIVE



Examples:

- ✓ I was in the park yesterday.
- ✓ We were busy last week.



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+ NOT

SINGULAR

I	was
You	were
He	} was
She	
It	

wasn't
weren't

PLURAL

We	} were
You	
They	

weren't



NEGATIVE



Examples:

- ✓ I wasn't in the park yesterday.
- ✓ We weren't busy last week.



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SINGULAR

Was I
Were You

Was { He
She
It



PLURAL

Were { We
You
They



Example:

✓ Was he at home two day at home?

SHORT ANSWERS

Affirmative YES, SUBJECT WAS / WERE Yes, he was.

Negative NO, SUBJECT WASN'T / WEREN'T No, he wasn't.

exercises

Complete the sentences with
WAS and **WERE**.

Complete the sentences with the
negative and interrogative form of
WAS and **WERE**.

1. You **were** in your house.
2. She **was** my sister's best friend.
3. I **was** at the school from eight until three yesterday.
4. Jane and Michael **were** at the mall this morning.
5. Our teacher **was** angry with us.

1. She **wasn't** born in the summer.
2. Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy **weren't** British. They were American
3. **Were** you happy with your party?
4. **Was** it windy last week?



**THERE IS –THERE ARE /
THERE WAS –THERE WERE**



THERE IS

- To talk about the existence of a thing, person or situation **in simple present.**

THERE ARE

- To talk about the existence of more than one thing, person or situation **in simple present.**



THERE WAS

- To talk about the existence of a thing, person or situation **in simple past.**

THERE WERE

- To talk about the existence of more than one thing, person or situation **in simple past.**



AFFIRMATIVE

THERE

IS
/ARE

COMPLEMENT

Examples:

- There **is** a book on the table.
- There **are** beautiful pictures of him.

NEGATIVE

THERE

ISN'T
/AREN'T

COMPLEMENT

Examples:

- There **isn't** a blue pen in my bag.
- There **aren't** enough parks in the city.

THERE

WAS
WERE

COMPLEMENT

Examples:

- There **was** a box of puppies there yesterday.
- There **were** some delicious fruits.

THERE

WASN'T
WEREN'T

COMPLEMENT

Examples:

- There **wasn't** a red T-shirt in the store.
- There **weren't** cups for the party.



EXERCISE

Complete the sentences with *THERE IS* and *THERE ARE*.

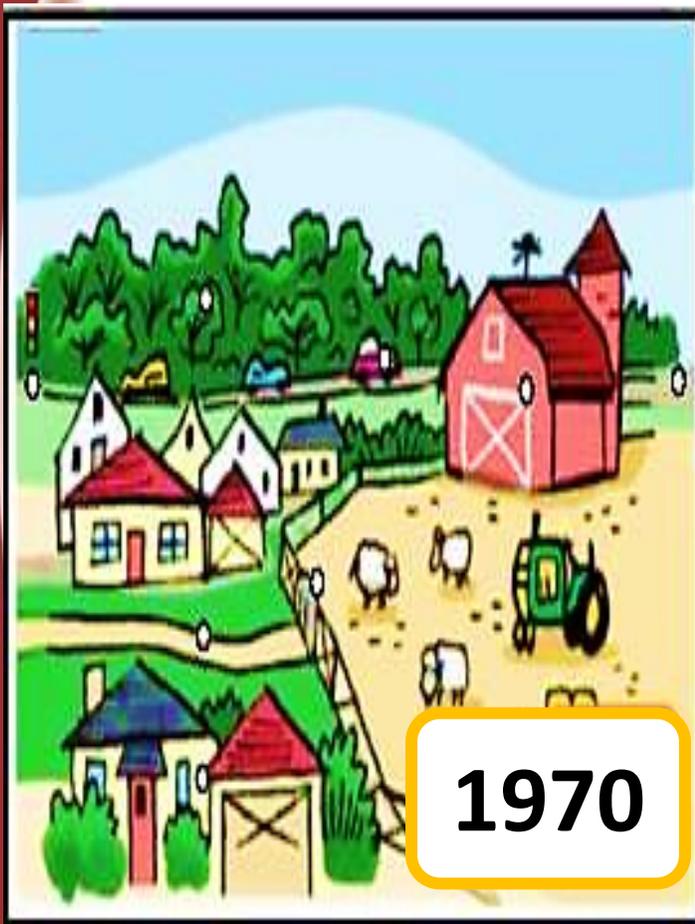


This is my living room. There is a big sofa and there aren't cushions on it. Also there is a TV and in the middle there is a small table, but there aren't books on it. Next to the sofa, there is an armchair. Above, there are green curtains in the window. On the corner, there aren't red flowers in the vase; they are white. Finally, there isn't a painting above the TV.

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EXERCISE

Complete the sentences with *THERE WAS* and *THERE WERE*.



In my grandfather's farm, there was a barn. There was a tractor my grandpa used to work with. There were many sheep that he took care of. They were the only animals he had. There weren't, for example, chickens or ducks. Near the farm, there were small houses people lived in. Next to the small town, there was a road. There weren't malls or big buildings, but there was a beautiful sky above the farm.

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INTERROGATIVE

ANSWERS

IS / ARE

THERE

COMPLEMENT?

YES

THERE

IS / ARE

NO

THERE

ISN'T / AREN'T

Examples:

➤ **Is** there a computer in your room? Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.



➤ **Where** are there more chairs?

There are more chairs in the living.

WAS / WERE

THERE

COMPLEMENT?

YES

THERE

WAS / WERE

NO

THERE

WASN'T / WEREN'T

Examples:

➤ **Was** there his favorite color? Yes, there was. / No, there wasn't.



➤ **Why** were there so many children?

Because it was Lisa's birthday.

Exercise

1. She told you that _____ only two books on the shelf.

- a) **There is**  **There are** c) **There isn't**

2. _____ a pencil on the kitchen table?

- a) **Are there**  **Is there** c) **There is**

3. _____ four computers in your room.

- a) **Are there** b) **There is**  **There are**

4. A: _____ shoes for my size?

B: No, _____

-  **Are there – there aren't** b) **Were there – there aren't**
c) **Are there – there are**

5. _____ enough cake for all of us. We had to buy more.

- a) **There isn't** b) **Was there**  **There wasn't**



PREPOSITIONS OF TIME IN, ON, AT



AT

- To discuss clock times, holidays, festivals, and other very specific time frames including exceptions.



ON

- To discuss certain days of the week or portions of days of the week, specific dates, and special days.



IN

- To discuss months, seasons, years, centuries, specific moments of the day, and longer periods of time.



AT

+ *specific time*

- I get up at 7 o'clock.

+ *holiday period*

- They have dinner together at Christmas.

+ *night*

- Meet me at night.

ON

+ *days of the week*

- Where were you on Thursday.

+ *dates*

- The exam is on December 10th

+ *adjective + day*

- It was on a sunny afternoon.

IN

+ *months*

- In March

+ *years*

- In 1986

+ *the decade or century*

- In the seventies

+ *season*

- In winter

+ *parts of the day*

- In the morning

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exercises

Complete the sentences with **IN**, **ON** and **AT**.

1. Can you come **on** Monday?
2. It rains a lot **in** winter
3. I left my phone **at** work.
4. I'll see you **in** the morning, **at** 10 o'clock.
5. I will meet her **on** Thursday.
6. We usually have lunch **at** one.
7. We have an exam **in** the afternoon.
8. Paul isn't there **at** the moment.
9. I'll be back **in** ten minutes.
10. My grandfather died **in** 1997.