



## THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE'

### o The affirmative form

I, he, she, it was

you, we, they were

#### Examples:

- I **was** in London in 1999.
- Pam **was** in London in 1999, too.
- We **were** together.
- She **was** my girlfriend.

### o The interrogative form

Was I, he, she, it?

Were you, we, they?

#### Examples:

- **Were** you in London last year? -> Yes, I was/ No, I wasn't.
- **Was** Pam with you? -> Yes, she was/ No, she wasn't.
- **Were** you together? -> Yes, we were/ No, we weren't.

### o The negative form

I, you, he, she was not.

wasn't.

You, we, they were not.

weren't.

#### Examples:

- I **wasn't** in Paris in 1999.
- Pam **wasn't** in Paris in 1999.
- We **weren't** in Paris.

### o Remember

1. **wasn't** is the short form of **was not**. You can say either:

- I **was not** in Paris, or
- I **wasn't** in Paris.

2. **weren't** is the short form of **were not**. You can say either:

- we **were not** in Paris, or
- we **weren't** in Paris.

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## **WORKSHEET**

### **1. Put the verb 'to be' into the simple past:**

1. I ..... in Canada last summer holiday.
2. My sister ..... with me.
3. We ..... in Montreal.
4. She ..... very happy.
5. I ..... happy, too.

### **2. Put the verb 'to be' into the simple present or the simple past:**

1. I ..... an engineer.
2. Last year I ..... a student in Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
3. I ..... in love with a beautiful girl at that time. We ..... friends.
4. Now, I live in New York and I ..... married to her.