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| **Simple Past: To Be** |
|  |   Affirmative Negative Interrogative  |
| **FORM:** |  I was I wasn’t /I was not  You were You weren’t/You were not  He was He wasn’t/He was not She was She wasn’t/She was not It was It wasn’t/It was not We were We weren’t/We were not You were You weren’t/You were not They were They weren’t/They were not  |  Was I…? Were you…?Was he…? Was she…?Was it…?Were we…?Were you…?Were they…?  |
| **USE:** | To use the **“past tense”**, the time you are talking about must be finished and the time it is finished given. |
| **EXAMPLE:** | *They were on vacation last week.* when? |

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| *Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the PAST TENSE of the verb TO BE.* |

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| 1. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the same class as Tom last year. | 8. | Last summer the weather \_\_\_\_\_\_ very hot. |
| 2. | Jim \_\_\_\_\_\_ absent from school yesterday. | 9. | The exercises we did yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ easy. |
| 3. | We \_\_\_\_\_\_ good friends until he moved away. | 10. | They \_\_\_\_\_\_ tired after they finished running. |
| 4. | There \_\_\_\_\_\_ two books on my desk this morning. | 11. | She \_\_\_\_\_\_ happy to receive his letter. |
| 5. | The office door \_\_\_\_\_\_ left open, but the windows \_\_\_\_\_\_ closed. | 12. | My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_\_ sick last week. |
|  |  | 13. | There \_\_\_\_\_\_ a strong wind last night. |
| 6. | It \_\_\_\_\_\_ very cold last night. | 14. | Mary and her sister \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the party |
| 7. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_ thirsty after I ran in the marathon. |  | yesterday. |

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| *Using the correct form of the PAST TENSE of the verb TO BE, complete sentences using your own words.* |

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| 2. | Last month, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | A few days ago, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| *Change the following sentences to the negative and interrogative forms.* |

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1. Peter was absent yesterday.

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1. There was a party at Mike’s on Saturday.

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1. The trip to Aunt Martha’s was long.

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1. The children were sick all week long.

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1. Her grandfather was a famous writer.

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1. The test was difficult.

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1. I was late for class this morning.

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