

04A. THE PAST SIMPLE (TO BE)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21

GRAMMAR FILE 4: THE PAST SIMPLE (TO BE)

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THE PAST SIMPLE (TO BE = ESSERE)

I WAS	IO ERO
YOU WERE	TU ERI
HE WAS	LUI ERA
SHE WAS	LEI ERA
IT WAS	ESSO ERA
WE WERE	NOI ERAVAMO
YOU WERE	VOI ERAVATE
THEY WERE	ESSI ERANO

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative	Short Answer
I was tired.	I was not tired.	Was I tired?	Yes, I was.
You were happy.	You weren't sad.	Were you happy?	Yes, you were.
He was ready.	She wasn't ready.	Was it ready?	No, it wasn't.
We were friends.	We were not enemies.	Were we friends?	Yes, we were.
You were students.	We were not teachers.	Were you teachers?	No, you weren't.
They were classmates.	They weren't siblings.	Were they family?	No, they were not.

PAST SIMPLE SENTENCES: TO BE

- + HE WAS AT HOME YESTERDAY
- ? **WAS HE** AT HOME YESTERDAY?
- HE **WAS NOT** AT HOME YESTERDAY
(**WASN'T**)
- ?- **WASN'T** HE AT HOME YESTERDAY?

- + THEY WERE IN ENGLAND LAST SUMMER
- ? **WERE THEY** IN ENGLAND LAST SUMMER?
- THEY **WERE NOT** IN ENGLAND LAST SUMMER
(**WEREN'T**)
- ?- **WEREN'T** THEY IN ENGLAND LAST SUMMER?

SHORT ANSWERS (PAST SIMPLE TO BE)

WERE YOU AT SCHOOL YESTERDAY?

YES, I WAS

NO, I WASN'T

WAS SHE IN CAGLIARI TWO DAYS AGO?

YES, SHE WAS

NO, SHE WASN'T

WERE THEY AT THE SHOPPING MALL LAST WEEK?

YES, THEY WERE

NO, THEY WEREN'T

QUESTIONS WITH THE PAST SIMPLE

WERE YOU AT THE PARK YESTERDAY?

NO, I WASN'T

WHERE WERE YOU YESTERDAY?

I WAS AT HOME

WHERE WAS ROBERTO ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON?

HE WAS IN VERONA

HOW WAS THE FOOTBALL MATCH ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON?

IT WAS A DISASTER

WHEN WAS YOUR LAST SCHOOL TRIP ?

IT WAS THE TWENTY-FIRST (OF) MARCH

WHO WAS WITH YOU IN THE PARK YESTERDAY?
I WAS WITH MY MOTHER

WHY WERE YOU AT THE CHURCH YESTERDAY"
BECAUSE I FOLLOWED A CATHECHESIS' LESSON