Unit 10 was/were

A

last night *now*



Now Robert **is** at work.

At midnight last night he **wasn't** at work.

He **was** in bed.
He **was** asleep.

am/is (present) → **was** (past):

- I **am** tired. (now) — I **was** tired **last night**.
- Where **is** Kate? (now) — Where **was** Kate **yesterday**?
- The weather **is** good today. — The weather **was** good **last week**.

are (present) → **were** (past):

- You **are** late. (now) — You **were** late **yesterday**.
- They **aren't** here. (now) — They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

B

positive

I he she it	**was**
we you they	**were**

negative

I he she it	**was not (wasn't)**
we you they	**were not (weren't)**

question

was	I? he? she? it?
were	we? you? they?

- Last year Rachel **was** 22, so she **is** 23 now.
- When I **was** a child, I **was** afraid of dogs.
- We **were** hungry after the journey, but we **weren't** tired.
- The hotel **was** comfortable, but it **wasn't** expensive.

- **Was** the weather nice when you **were** on holiday?
- Your shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

C

Short answers

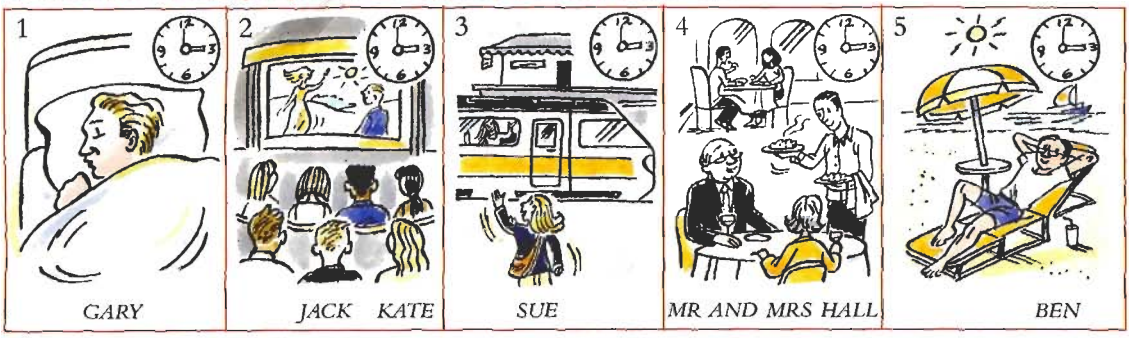
Yes,	I/he/she/it **was.**
	we/you/they **were.**

No,	I/he/she/it **wasn't.**
	we/you/they **weren't.**

- '**Were you** late?' '**No, I wasn't.**'
- '**Was Ted** at work yesterday?' '**Yes, he was.**'
- '**Were Sue and Steve** at the party?' '**No, they weren't.**'

am/is/are → Units 1–2 I was doing → Unit 13

10.1 Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon?



1 Gary was in bed.
2 Jack and Kate .....
3 Sue .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 And you? I .....

10.2 Write am/is/are (present) or was/were (past).

1 Last year she was 22, so she is 23 now.
2 Today the weather ..... nice, but yesterday it ..... very cold.
3 I ..... hungry. Can I have something to eat?
4 I feel fine this morning, but I ..... very tired last night.
5 Where ..... you at 11 o'clock last Friday morning?
6 Don't buy those shoes. They ..... very expensive.
7 I like your new jacket. ..... it expensive?
8 This time last year I ..... in Paris.
9 'Where ..... the children?' 'I don't know. They ..... here a few minutes ago.'

10.3 Write was/were or wasn't/weren't.

1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small and it wasn't clean.
2 Mark ..... at work last week because he ..... ill. He's better now.
3 Yesterday ..... a public holiday, so the banks ..... closed. They're open today.
4 '..... Kate and Bill at the party?' 'Kate ..... there, but Bill ..... .'
5 'Where are my keys?' 'I don't know. They ..... on the table, but they're not there now.'
6 You ..... at home last night. Where ..... you?

10.4 Write questions from these words + was/were. Put the words in the right order.

1 (late / you / this morning / why?)
Why were you late this morning? → The traffic was bad.
2 (difficult / your exam?)
..... → No, it was easy.
3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)
..... → They were on holiday.
4 (your new camera / how much?)
..... → Sixty pounds.
5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)
..... → Because you were late.
6 (nice / the weather / last week?)
..... → Yes, it was beautiful.

Unit 11 worked/got/went etc. (past simple)

A

They **watch** television every evening. *(present simple)*

They **watched** television yesterday evening. *(past simple)*



watched is the *past simple:*

I/we/you/they he/she/it	**watched**

B

The past simple is often **-ed** (*regular verbs*). For example:

work → **worked**	dance → **dance**d
clean → **cleaned**	stay → **stayed**
start → **started**	need → **needed**

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1996 to 2003.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **finished** at midnight.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

try → **tried**	study → **studied**	copy → **copied**
stop → **stopped**	plan → **planned**	

C

Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The past simple is *not* **-ed**. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendix 2–3):

begin → **began**	fall → **fell**	leave → **left**	sell → **sold**
break **broke**	find **found**	lose **lost**	sit **sat**
bring **brought**	fly **flew**	make **made**	sleep **slept**
build **built**	forget **forgot**	meet **met**	speak **spoke**
buy **bought**	get **got**	pay **paid**	stand **stood**
catch **caught**	give **gave**	put **put**	take **took**
come **came**	go **went**	read **read** (red)*	tell **told**
do **did**	have **had**	ring **rang**	think **thought**
drink **drank**	hear **heard**	say **said**	win **won**
eat **ate**	know **knew**	see **saw**	write **wrote**

* *pronounced 'red'*

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9 o'clock.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

was/were → Unit 10 I didn't / Did you ... ? (negative and questions) → Unit 12 ago → Unit 19

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

~~clean~~ **die** **enjoy** **finish** **happen** **open** **rain** **start** **stay** **want**

1 I cleaned my teeth three times yesterday.
2 It was hot in the room, so I ..... the window.
3 The film was very long. It ..... at 7.15 and ..... at 10 o'clock.
4 When I was a child, I ..... to be a doctor.
5 The accident ..... last Sunday afternoon.
6 It's a nice day today, but yesterday it ..... all day.
7 We ..... our holiday last year. We ..... at a very nice place.
8 Anna's grandfather ..... when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Write the past simple of these verbs.

1 get got	4 pay	7 go	10 know .....
2 see	5 visit	8 think	11 put .....
3 play	6 buy	9 copy	12 speak .....

11.3 Read about Lisa's journey to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday Lisa (1) flew from London to Madrid. She (2) ..... up at 6 o'clock in the morning and (3) ..... a cup of coffee. At 6.30 she (4) ..... home and (5) ..... to the airport. When she (6) ..... there, she (7) ..... the car, (8) ..... to the airport building, and (9) ..... in. Then she (10) ..... breakfast at a café and (11) ..... for her flight. The plane (12) ..... on time and (13) ..... in Madrid two hours later. Finally she (14) ..... a taxi from the airport to her hotel in the centre of Madrid.

fly, get
have
leave, drive
get, park, walk
check, have
wait, depart
arrive, take

11.4 Write sentences about the past (yesterday / last week etc.).

1 James always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
2 Rachel often loses her keys. She ..... last week.
3 Kate meets her friends every evening. She ..... yesterday evening.
4 I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I .....
5 We often go to the cinema at weekends. Last Sunday we .....
6 I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I .....
7 Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he .....
8 Our friends often come to see us. They ..... last Friday.

11.5 Write sentences about what you did yesterday.

1 I went to the theatre.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

→ Additional exercise 10 (page 256)

Unit 12 I didn't ... Did you ... ? (past simple negative and questions)

A

We use **did** in past simple negatives and questions:

infinitive
play
start
watch
have
see
do
go

positive	
I	**played**
we	**started**
you	**watched**
they	**had**
he	**saw**
she	**did**
it	**went**

negative		
I		play
we		start
you		watch
they	**did not (didn't)**	have
he		see
she		do
it		go

question		
	I	play?
	we	start?
	you	watch?
did	they	have?
	he	see?
	she	do?
	it	go?

B

do/does *(present)* → **did** *(past)*:

- I **don't** watch television very often.
  I **didn't** watch television **yesterday**.
- **Does** she often go away?
  Did she go away **last week**?

C

We use **did/didn't** + *infinitive* (**watch/play/go** etc.):

I watched	*but*	**I didn't watch**	(*not* I didn't watched)
they **went**		**did** they **go?**	(*not* did they went?)
he **had**		he **didn't have**	
you **did**		**did** you **do?**	

- I **played** tennis yesterday, but I **didn't win**.
- '**Did** you **do** the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't have** time.'
- We **went** to the cinema, but we **didn't enjoy** the film.

D

Study the word order in questions:

did + *subject* + *infinitive*

	Did	your sister	**phone**	you?
What	**did**	you	**do**	last night?
How	**did**	the accident	**happen?**	
Where	**did**	your parents	**go**	for their holiday?

E

Short answers

Yes,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	**did.**

No,	I/we/you/they he/she/it	**didn't.**

- '**Did you** see Joe yesterday?' '**No, I didn't.**'
- '**Did it** rain on Sunday?' '**Yes, it did.**'
- '**Did Helen** come to the party?' '**No, she didn't.**'
- '**Did your parents** have a good holiday?' '**Yes, they did.**'

worked/got/went etc. (past simple) → Unit 11

12.1 Complete these sentences with the verb in the negative.

1 I saw Barbara, but I didn't see Jane.
2 They worked on Monday, but they ..... on Tuesday.
3 We went to the post office, but we ..... to the bank.
4 She had a pen, but she ..... any paper.
5 Jack did French at school, but he ..... German.

12.2 Write questions with Did ... ?

1 I watched TV last night. How about you? Did you watch TV last night ?
2 I enjoyed the party. How about you? ..... ?
3 I had a good holiday. How about you? ..... ?
4 I finished work early. How about you? ..... ?
5 I slept well last night. How about you? ..... ?

12.3 What did you do yesterday? Write positive or negative sentences.

1 (watch TV) I watched TV. or I didn't watch TV.
2 (get up before 7 o'clock) I .....
3 (have a shower) .....
4 (buy a magazine) .....
5 (eat meat) .....
6 (go to bed before 10.30) .....

12.4 Write B's questions. Use:

arrive cost go go to bed late happen have a nice time ~~stay~~ win

1 A: We went to New York last month. B: Where did you stay ? A: With some friends.	5 A: We came home by taxi. B: How much ..... ? A: Ten pounds.
2 A: I was late for the meeting. B: What time ..... ? A: Half past nine.	6 A: I'm tired this morning. B: ..... ? A: No, but I didn't sleep very well.
3 A: I played tennis this afternoon. B: ..... ? A: No, I lost.	7 A: We went to the beach yesterday. B: ..... ? A: Yes, it was great.
4 A: I had a nice holiday. B: Good. Where ..... ? A: To the mountains.	8 A: The window is broken. B: How ..... ? A: I don't know.

12.5 Put the verb in the correct form – positive, negative or question.

1 We went to the cinema, but the film wasn't very good. We didn't enjoy it. (enjoy)
2 Tim ..... some new clothes yesterday – two shirts, a jacket and a pullover. (buy)
3 '..... yesterday?' 'No, it was a nice day.' (rain)
4 We were tired, so we ..... long at the party. (stay)
5 It was very warm in the room, so I ..... a window. (open)
6 'Did you phone Chris this morning?' 'No, I ..... time.' (have)
7 'I cut my hand this morning.' 'How ..... that?' (do)
8 'Why weren't you at the meeting yesterday?' 'I ..... about it.' (know)

→ Additional exercises 10–13 (page 256)