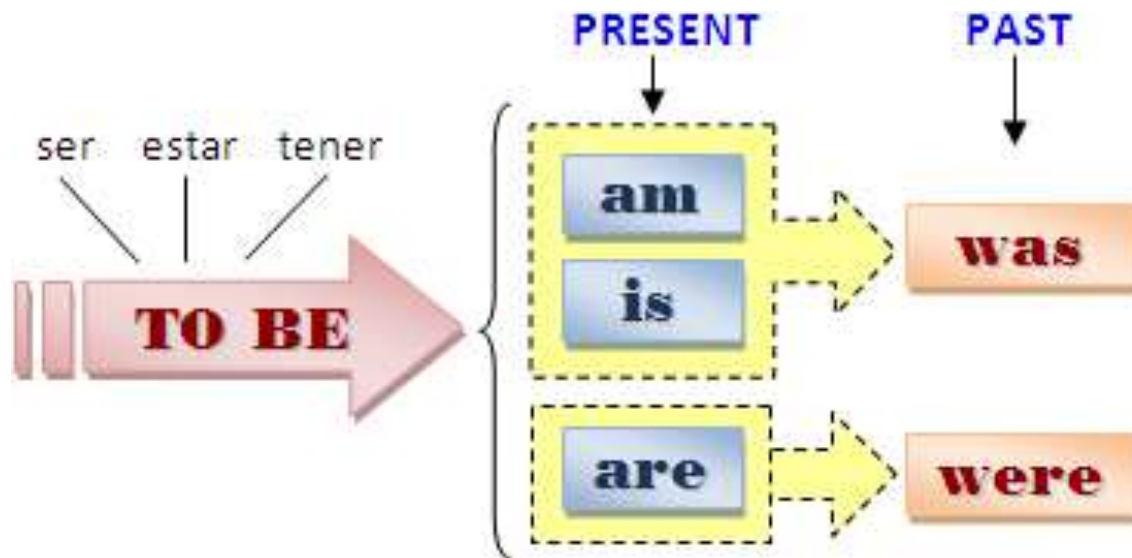




TOPICS:

The Verb To Be (simple past).



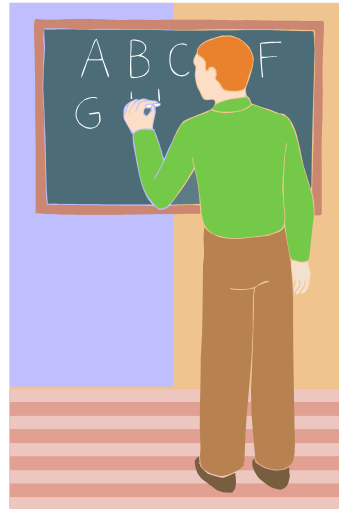
The verb To Be (Simple Past)

Alice was at the library two hours ago.



Alice is at the library now.

I was your teacher last semester/year.



I am your teacher this semester/year.

My friends (they) were at home yesterday.



My friends (they) are at home in this moment.

		CORRECT FORM OF THE STRUCTURE						
		P.P.	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION?	SHORT ANSWER	TIME EXPRESSIONS	
T I M E	P A S T	SIMPLE	I	Verb (d/ed/ied - irregular)	didn't + verb base	Did + P.P. + base form?	(+) Yes, _____ did / (-) No, _____ didn't	YESTERDAY (Yesterday morning... Yesterday afternoon. Yesterday evening) LAST (Last night... Last week. Last month. Last year. Last spring. Last summer. Last fall. Last winter. Last Monday. Last Tuesday. Last Wednesday. AGO (Five minutes ago... Two hours ago. Three days ago. A (one) week ago. Six months ago. A (one) year ago.
			you*					
			we					
			they					
			he					
			she					
			it					
	TO BE	you*	were	weren't	Were + P.P.?	(+) Yes, _____ were / (-) No, _____ weren't		
							we	
							they	
		I	was	wasn't	Was + P.P.?	(+) Yes, _____ was / (-) No, _____ wasn't		
							he	
							she	
							it	

We use the verb to be (simple past):

To express location IN THE PAST.

Example:

I **was** in class yesterday.

She **was** here.

They **were** in the football field last night.

He **was** over there.

We **were** in the laboratory last week.

- Personal pronouns (**I, you, we, they, he, she, it**) use **was** or **were**.

were (you, we, they)

was (I, he, she, it)

To describe something about yourself or somebody else IN THE PAST.

Example:

Mary **was** my teacher last year.

You **were** my neighbor ten years ago.

Peter and I **were** friends in the kinder garden.

I **was** eleven years old five years ago.

He **was** my soccer coach in high school.

- **The Verb To Be IN THE PAS** means in Spanish **ERA/ESTABA**.

The verb TO BE (simple past) structure.

Correct form of the verb TO BE (was/were)...



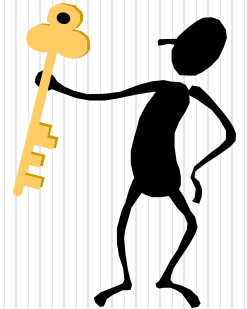
AFFIRMATIVE



((Q:)) QUESTION?



NEGATIVE (NOT)



(s.a) Short Answer



(+) AFFIRMATIVE

- **I was** (*yo... era / estaba*)
- **You were** (*tu... eras / estabas*)
- **We were** (*nosotros / as... eramos / estabamos*)
- **They were** (*ellos... eran / estaban*)
- **He was** (*él... era / estaba*)
- **She was** (*ella... era / esaba*)
- **It was** (*eso, aquello... era / estaba*)



(-) NEGATIVE (not)

- **I wasn't**
- **You were not**
- **We weren't**
- **They were not**
- **He wasn't**
- **She was not**
- **It wasn't**

QUESTION ?

(s.a.) Short Answer:



- **Was** *I* _____...?
 - **Were** **you* _____...?
 - **Were** *we* _____...?
 - **Were** *they* _____...?
 - **Was** *he* _____...?
 - **Was** *she* _____...?
 - **Was** *it* _____...?
- (+) Yes, ***I* was**. (-) No, ***I* wasn't**.
 - *(+) Yes, ***I* was**. *(-) No, ***I* wasn't**.
 - (+) Yes, ***we* were**. (-) No, ***we* weren't**.
 - (+) Yes, ***they* were**. (-) No, ***they* weren't**.
 - (+) Yes, ***he* was**. (-) No, ***he* wasn't**.
 - (+) Yes, ***she* was**. (-) No, ***she* wasn't**.
 - (+) Yes, ***it* was**. (-) No, ***it* wasn't**.

EXAMPLES:

LOOK THE CORRECT FORM...

REMEMBER...



The verb TO BE IN THE PAST uses TWO different forms: **WAS**, and **WERE**, you can use them in affirmative form.

Use **was not**, and **weren't** in negative form.

To ask questions with...

WAS (I, he, she, it...)?

and

WERE (you, we, they)?

• **They** were friends time ago.

• **The car** wasn't red.



• My **sister** was to Brazil.

• **We** were not the champions (Rams).



• **Miss. Anderson** wasn't my teacher.

• **Was Christian** your brother?

Yes, he was. No, he wasn't.

• **They** weren't friends, just classmates.

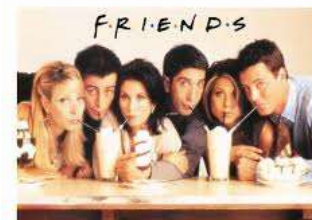
• **Daniel** was the president of my class.

• **Was I** in the school yesterday?

Yes, I was. No, I was not.

• **Mary ann** wasn't my grandmother, she was my aunt.

• **Were you** in your house last night...? (*your answer*)



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WH QUESTION FORM...

WH QUESTIONS (VERB TO BE)		(1)WH QUESTIONS	(2)TO BE FORM...?	(3)SPECIFIC ANSWER	
T I M E	PRESENT	TO BE	What... Where... When... How... Why... Who...	...AM I... ?	SPECIFIC ANSWER
			What time... How old... How often... How much... How many...	...ARE (you, we, they)...?	SPECIFIC ANSWER
			What... Where... When... How... Why... Who...	...IS (he, she, it)...?	SPECIFIC ANSWER
			What time... How old... How often... How much... How many...	...WERE (you, we, they)...?	SPECIFIC ANSWER
M E	PAST	TO BE	What... Where... When... How... Why... Who... What time... How old... How often... How much... How many...	...WAS (I, he, she, it)...?	SPECIFIC ANSWER

WH QUESTION examples [Present/Past]

WH QUESTIONS (VERB TO BE)		P.P.	WH Question...EXAMPLE... (?)	SPECIFIC ANSWER	
T I M E	PRESENT	TO BE	I	How old am I?	I am sixteen years old.
			you*	Where are you?	I am in my house.
			we	Who are we here?	Joe, Caroline, Jenny and I.
			they	Why are they in Mexico?	Because they are on vacations.
			he	Where is he?	He is in the hospital.
			she	How old is she?	She is ten years old.
			it	What is this thing?	It is a car.
	PAST	TO BE	you*	Where were you last night?	I was at home.
			we	When were we here?	We were here two days ago.
			they	Why were they on vacations?	Because they have money.
			I	How old was I five years ago?	10 years old.
			he	Where was he yesterday morning?	He was on his work.
			she	When was she a president of the club?	5 years ago.
			it	How was the weather yesterday?	Warm and sunny.