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In The Past

Simple Past Tense



Grammar in Focus

We use the simple past tense to talk about past events.

Did Tom **sleep** last night?

Yes, he **slept**. / No, he **didn't sleep** last night.

We use 'Was there' or 'Were there' to ask if something existed.

Was	there	a harbour	40 years ago?
Were		any theme parks	

Yes, **there was / were.**

No, **there wasn't / weren't.**

There weren't any cameras 40 years ago.



Mistakes Corner

✓ Were there any **parks**?

✗ Were there any **park**?

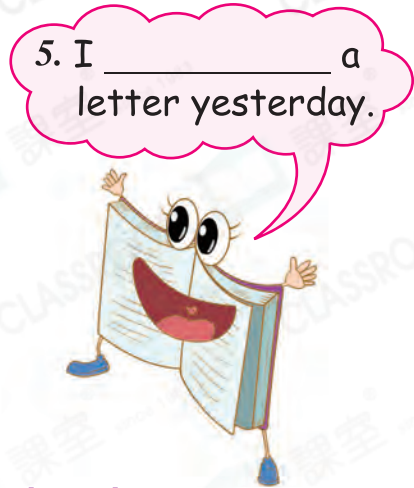
1. There weren't any (**A** tree / **B** trees) here 10 years ago.

2. Was there a (**A** cinema / **B** cinemas) 5 years ago?

A. Miss Word is saying something to William. Complete the puzzle using the simple past form of the verbs to see what she says.

- e.g. **GO**
- DRINK**
 - TELL**
 - HIT**
 - KEEP**

	e.g. W	E	N	T
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				



B. Miss Word and William are talking about the past. Complete the sentences using the given words.

- there was were**

e.g. _____ There weren't _____ (not) any mobile phones 30 years ago.

- _____ a beautiful garden here last year.
- _____ any computers 20 years ago?
- _____ (not) any thieves in this city in the past.
- _____ many buildings and cars 5 years ago?
- _____ (not) any libraries 60 years ago.
- _____ any car parks 30 years ago?
- _____ a restaurant here in the past?
- _____ (not) a hospital here 2 years ago.
- _____ shopping malls 20 years ago.
- _____ any rubbish on the road yesterday?
- _____ a supermarket here 15 years ago?



- C. William is going to a new place and he wants to know more about it. Complete their conversation.**

e.g. _____ Was there a car park _____ 10 years ago? (a car park)

No, _____ there wasn't _____.

1. _____ 20 years ago? (a castle)

Yes, _____.

2. _____ 40 years ago? (tall buildings)

No, _____.

3. _____ 5 years ago? (bridges)

Yes, _____.



- D. Mr Strange is asking William some questions about what happened yesterday. Answer the questions with the help of the given words.**

e.g. Did you like the cake? (the cake the bread)

No, I didn't like the cake. I liked the bread.

1. Did you wake up at six o'clock? (six o'clock eight o'clock)

2. Did you meet Mr Smith? (Mr Smith Alex)

3. Was Mr Metal rude? (rude nice)

4. Were Mr Metal and Mr Strange frightening? (frightening interesting)



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E. William is writing a letter to his dad. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs.

Dear Dad,

It ① _____ (be) Saturday yesterday. My new friend Mr Strange ② _____ (take) Miss Word and me to a place. There ③ _____ (not be) any houses. I ④ _____ (see) trees only. It was nice! There ⑤ _____ (be) many tall trees.

⑥ _____ (be) there any tall trees in Hong Kong 10 years ago? I ⑦ _____ (not see) any tall trees near our home last year. Why ⑧ _____ people _____ (cut) down all the trees?

We ⑨ _____ (leave) the place in the afternoon. I ⑩ _____ (sleep) on the bus because I ⑪ _____ (feel) very tired.

I ⑫ _____ (send) a postcard to you last week. ⑬ _____ you _____ (get) it? Take care!

Love,
William



There is always something to learn from the past.