

Past to be, There was / There were

A Fill in the blanks with *was* or *were*.

- 1 Yesterday it*was*..... rainy and cool.
- 2 the concert good last Sunday?
- 3 My father and I at the stadium for the big game two weeks ago.
- 4 The children not at their grandparents last weekend.
- 5 The weather hot and I thirsty.
- 6 you at the shops yesterday?

B Fill in the blanks with *There was*, *There were*, *Was there* or *Were there*.

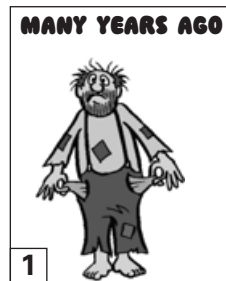
- 1 *Were there* any famous actors in the play?
- 2 a wonderful film on TV on Monday night.
- 3 astronauts on the moon in 1969.
- 4 steak for lunch.
- 5 any sugar in the bowl?
- 6 a nature programme on TV last night?

C Answer the questions about yourself.

- 1 Were you at this school a year ago?
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- 2 Were you cold last night?
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- 3 Was your room tidy yesterday?
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- 4 Were you worried about anything yesterday?
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- 5 How old were you in the year 2002?
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- 6 How many pupils were there in your class last year?
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D Ask questions using *Was* or *Were*. Then answer the questions according to the pictures.

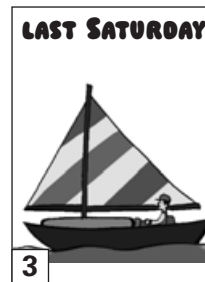
- 1 the man / rich / many years ago
Was the man rich many years ago?
No, he wasn't. He was poor.
- 2 the men / on holiday / in June
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- 3 Dan / on a boat / last Saturday
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- 4 the teacher / angry / yesterday
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- 5 the shops / closed / on Monday afternoon
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1 (poor)



2 (at work)



3 (on a boat)



4 (happy)



5 (closed)

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- A**
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| 1 | was | 4 | were |
| 2 | Was | 5 | was, was |
| 3 | were | 6 | Were |

- B**
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| 1 | Were there | 4 | There was |
| 2 | There was | 5 | Was there |
| 3 | There were | 6 | Was there |

C Accept all logical and grammatically correct answers.

- D**
- 1 Was the man rich many years ago? No, he wasn't. He was poor.
 - 2 Were the men on holiday in June? No, they weren't. They were at work.
 - 3 Was Dan on a boat last Saturday? Yes, he was.
 - 4 Was the teacher angry yesterday? No, she wasn't. She was happy.
 - 5 Were the shops closed on Monday afternoon? Yes, they were.