

Free time!

Grammar kit • Present simple vs Present continuous • Past simple: *to be*
• Past time expressions



Floyd usually **likes** Binty and Fluffy, but right now he's **not enjoying** being with them.

Yesterday Floyd **was** in the garden with Fluffy and Binty.

A few hours ago Fluffy and Binty **were** Floyd's best friends.

Now they **aren't**!

Grammar Gallery

Present simple

Uses

- routines and habits
- general truths
- permanent situations

Affirmative

I **play**

you/we/they **play**

he/she/it **plays**

Negative

I **don't play**

you/we/they **don't play**

he/she/it **doesn't play**

Questions

Do I **play**?

Do you/we/they **play**?

Does he/she/it **play**?

Short answers

Yes, I **do**. / No, I **don't**.

Yes, you/we/they **do**. / No, you/we/they **don't**.

Yes, he/she/it **does**. / No, he/she/it **doesn't**.

Present continuous

Uses

- things happening at the moment
- things happening now
- things happening these days

Affirmative

I'm **playing**

you/we/they're **playing**

he's/she's/it's **playing**

Negative

I'm **not playing**

you/we/they **aren't playing**

he/she/it **isn't playing**

Questions

Am I **playing**?

Are you/we/they **playing**?

Is he/she/it **playing**?

Short answers

Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm **not**.

Yes, you/we/they **are**. / No, you/we/they **aren't**.

Yes, he/she/it **is**. / No, he/she/it **isn't**.

Do your exercises!

1 Write PS for the sentences in the present simple and PC for the sentences in the present continuous.

- Mum usually makes toast for breakfast. _____
- Nina's doing her homework at the moment. _____
- Are you phoning Melanie? _____
- Do you spend a lot of time reading? _____
- Tina doesn't like doing sport. _____
- The sun isn't shining today. _____

2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Olga _____ Spanish at the moment. (learn)
- 2 _____ dad usually _____ his computer lessons? (enjoy)
- 3 Right now, Mabel and Lianne _____ on the phone. (talk)
- 4 Josh _____ to rock music in his room now. (listen)
- 5 We _____ at home today. (stay)
- 6 What _____ you _____ in your free time? (do)
- 7 I sometimes _____ ice skating on Saturdays. (go)
- 8 Petra and Dodo _____ for a book about stamp collecting. (look)

Grammar Gallery Past simple of the verb to be

Remember!

We use the same form for 'I' and for 'he/she/it' in the past simple of the verb *to be*.

I was
He/She/It was ...

Affirmative

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

Negative

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

Questions

Was I?
Were you/we/they?
Was he/she/it?

Short answers

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

Do your exercises!

3 Write *was* or *were*.

- 1 The party _____ great!
- 2 Darcy and Corrine _____ at the cinema last night.
- 3 Terry _____ at school yesterday.
- 4 You _____ tired last night.
- 5 Mum and dad _____ in town for three hours.
- 6 Last night, Darren and Jim _____ at home.
- 7 I _____ with Claire at the cinema.
- 8 We _____ in the garden yesterday.

4 Make the sentences negative.

- Grace was in her English lesson at ten o'clock.
- They were in the living room watching TV.
- Tom was in his room playing chess.
- I was tired last night.
- Harry and Ron were good at computer games.
- The students were busy last weekend.

5 Make questions.

- you / on holiday / last July
- the teacher / happy / with your project
- it / hot / yesterday
- your mum and dad / at home / last night
- the dogs / in the garden
- the week / at the mountain biking camp / good

6 Complete the answers to the questions in exercise 5.

- No, _____.
- Yes, _____.
- No, _____.
- Yes, _____.
- No, _____.
- Yes, _____.

7 Write sentences about the pictures, using *was* or *were* and the words in brackets.



- 1 (Nicky / cinema / last night)



- 2 (John and Dan / at home / at seven o'clock)



- 3 (cold / at two o'clock)



- 4 (Jenny / late for school / this morning)

8 Complete with the correct form of the past simple of the verb *to be*.

Yesterday (1) _____ an unusual day at our school. There (2) _____ an exhibition about hobbies and things to do in your free time. The exhibition (3) _____ the students' idea, and it (4) _____ only for them. So there (5) _____ any teachers at school yesterday. There (6) _____ some really interesting hobbies to learn about – collecting comics and doing photography. And there (7) _____ exhibitions about stamp collecting and birdwatching. Of course, there (8) _____ also a lot of information about computers and computer games. I (9) _____ at the exhibition and it was great. What about you – (10) _____ you there?

Grammar Gallery Past time expressions



I was at my friend's house **yesterday**.
He was here **an hour ago**.
Where were you **last Saturday**?
The teacher wasn't here **from 10 to 12**.
They weren't at home **at 5 o'clock**.

Remember!

We use past time expressions to talk about any time up to now.

Was mum at work today?
(= any time today before now)

9 Underline the past time expression in each sentence.

- 1 Were you in London last week?
- 2 Barbara was here three hours ago.
- 3 Mum wasn't well yesterday morning.
- 4 I was at school last Monday at half past ten.
- 5 Was Owen at home last night?
- 6 Were Sally and Di at school today?

10 Answer the questions for yourself.

- 1 Where were you an hour ago? _____
- 2 Where was your mum last night? _____
- 3 Were you at school this morning? _____
- 4 Was it a nice day yesterday? _____
- 5 Who was in your house yesterday evening? _____
- 6 Were you at your friend's house from 4 to 6 yesterday? _____



Vocab Session

Words for hobbies:

birdwatching
play chess
collect comics
ice skating
mountain biking
do photography
reading
stamp collecting

Other words in Unit 1:

exhibition
unusual

11 Find the words above in Unit 1 and underline them.

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12 Listen and repeat.

13 Write your own sentences using six of the words from Vocab Session.

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| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |

Speak now!



14 Complete the dialogue with one word or the verb *be* in the past simple.

Maddy: Hi Claudia. Where (1) _____ you last night?

Claudia: Oh, hi, Maddy. I (2) _____ at Yvonne's house. Yvonne does a lot of photography in her spare time and I (3) _____ there to see her new photographs.

Maddy: Really? (4) _____ they good?

Claudia: (5) _____, they were. They (6) _____ all photos of animals. What about you, (7) _____ you at your friend's house (8) _____ night?

Maddy: No, I (9) _____. She (10) _____ out with her parents. So I (11) _____ at home.

Claudia: (12) _____ it boring?

Maddy: (13) _____, it wasn't. It was OK – there (14) _____ some great programmes on TV!

03

15 Now listen to see if you were right.

Grammar Check-up

1 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 ☐ Yesterday Susan were at the park skateboarding.
- 2 ☐ Dad's usually washing the car on Sundays.
- 3 ☐ Do you sometimes go mountain biking with your friends?
- 4 ☐ Mum was at work an hour ago.
- 5 ☐ They're have a great time learning about photography.
- 6 ☐ Are you in bed at eleven last night?
- 7 ☐ Henry never doing any sport in his free time.
- 8 ☐ The shop weren't open at half past eight.

2 Rewrite the incorrect sentences from exercise 1 correctly.

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| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |

3 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Brad _____ usually _____ out on Saturdays, but today he _____ his brother mountain biking. (not go, take)
- 2 The children _____ with each other at the moment, but sometimes they _____. (play, fight)
- 3 It often _____ in April, but today the sun _____. (rain, shine)

4 Write the questions and complete the answers using the past simple of *to be*.

- 1 your friends / at / the computer lesson / yesterday
_____ Yes, _____.
- 2 the weather / hot / last week
_____ No, _____.

5 Complete the sentences with one word or short form in each gap.

- 1 Miranda was here an hour _____.
- 2 Were the students late for the lesson _____ week?
- 3 We _____ usually play chess in our free time.
- 4 Where _____ the exhibition on Saturday?