Verb “To Be” Past Tense – Affirmative and Negative

A. Put the correct form of the verb “to be” (was/were) in the past tense in the following sentences.

1. Judy __________________ sick yesterday.
2. We __________________ in the same class last year.
3. I __________________ tired after a long day at work.
4. The weather __________________ beautiful yesterday.
5. Last semester my teachers __________________ very good.
6. The children __________________ hungry after so much exercise.
7. The wind __________________ very strong last night.
8. She __________________ very happy last week.
9. They __________________ nervous on the first day of school.
10. Luckily, the windows __________________ closed during the rain storm.
11. We __________________ very happy to get your letter last week.
12. The boys __________________ tired after the ball game.

B. Put the correct negative form of the verb “to be” (wasn’t/ weren’t) in the following sentences.

1. They __________________ at school yesterday because it was Saturday.
2. He __________________ hungry at supper time because he ate a big lunch.
3. Carol __________________ happy to see her boyfriend with another girl.
4. Bonnie __________________ at home last night when I called her.
5. The teacher __________________ satisfied with the student’s work.

C. Complete the following sentences with wasn’t or weren’t.

Ex. I am at work today, but I wasn’t here yesterday.

1. It is cold outside today, but ____________________________.
2. She is sick today, but ____________________________.
3. They are at school today, but ____________________________.
4. The TV show is good today, but ____________________________.
5. The apples are sweet today, but ____________________________.
6. The class is interesting today, but ____________________________.
7. The boss is angry today, but ____________________________.
8. The door is locked today, but ____________________________.
9. The exercises are easy today, but ____________________________.
Past Tense of the Verb “To Be” – Yes/No Questions

Practice making questions and giving short answers with the verb “to be” in the past tense.

Ex. Were you tired last night?  
Yes, I was.  (I was tired last night.)

1. ________________________________ (It wasn’t cold outside yesterday.)

2. ________________________________ (They weren’t sick last week.)

3. ________________________________ (Don was at the office last Saturday.)

4. ________________________________ (The car was expensive.)

5. ________________________________ (The children weren’t excited.)

6. ________________________________ (The store wasn’t open.)

7. ________________________________ (The movie was interesting.)

8. ________________________________ (The food wasn’t good.)
Past Tense of the Verb “To Be” – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (who, what, where, when, why, how many) and the correct form of the verb “to be” in the past tense to make questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. Why was she absent yesterday?
   She was absent because she was sick.

1. __________________________________________________________________________
   She was tired because she worked hard all day.

2. __________________________________________________________________________
   She was at the mall last night.

3. __________________________________________________________________________
   There were twenty people at the party.

4. __________________________________________________________________________
   A diamond ring was in the box.

5. __________________________________________________________________________
   The secretary was in the office.

6. __________________________________________________________________________
   The students were absent last Tuesday.

7. __________________________________________________________________________
   She was late because she missed her bus.

8. __________________________________________________________________________
   Mrs. Jones was at the door.
Simple Past Tense – Regular Verbs

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the past tense.

play / listen / paint / water / visit / mail / help / arrive / learn / watch / change / wait

1. I ________________________________ my friend in the hospital last night.
2. The boys ________________________________ baseball in the field behind the school.
3. Robert ________________________________ his wife wash the dishes.
4. We ________________________________ our living room a soft blue color.
5. Susan ________________________________ TV for two hours last night.
6. We ________________________________ planes on the way to New York.
7. I ________________________________ the letter on the way to work.
8. She ________________________________ for him for 20 minutes at the coffee shop.
9. They ________________________________ how to swim many years ago.
10. She ________________________________ the flowers in the garden yesterday.
11. The students ________________________________ late for class.
12. We ________________________________ to the radio until midnight.

Simple Past Tense – Negative

Change the following sentences to a negative and then write another sentence of your own in the affirmative.
Ex. Mary baked a cake. Mary didn’t bake a cake.
    She baked cookies.

1. The boys played soccer.
   ____________________________________________________________

2. Carol called her mother.
   ____________________________________________________________

3. Donald fixed his TV.
   ____________________________________________________________

4. Peter danced with Betty.
   ____________________________________________________________

5. Ann studied history.
   ____________________________________________________________
Past Tense - Irregular Verb Practice

A. Write the correct past tense for each of the following verbs

Ex. catch – caught

1. cut ____________ 11. shake ____________
2. dig ____________ 12. shoot ____________
3. cost ____________ 13. shut ____________
4. meet ____________ 14. sit ____________
5. read ____________ 15. sing ____________
6. ride ____________ 16. sleep ____________
7. run ____________ 17. speak ____________
8. see ____________ 18. spend ____________
9. sell ____________ 19. stand ____________
10. send ____________ 20. swim ____________

B. Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words. Then write the present tense of each verb beside the past irregular verb.

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12. oltd ____________ 22. ____________
13. woret ____________ 23. ____________
14. wkoe ____________ 24. ____________
**Irregular Verbs – Bingo**

**Instructions:** Choose 24 words from the list below and write the past tense of each one in any space on your bingo card. Mix them up. Do not write them in the same order as the list. (This will ensure you all have a different card.) Your teacher will call out certain past tense verbs. If you have one, cover it with a bean, piece of cardboard, candy, or any other marker your teacher gives you. When you have one line any way covered, shout Bingo. (You must have the correct past tense under each marker in order to win.)

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Past Tense - Irregular Verbs – Negative & Affirmative

Complete the sentences below using the example given.

Ex. Bill usually eats cereal for breakfast.
He didn’t eat cereal yesterday. He ate toast.

1. Ben usually gets up at 7:00.
   He ___________________ at 7:00 yesterday. He ___________________ at 8:00.

2. Ben usually takes a shower.
   He ___________________ a shower yesterday. He ___________________ a bath.

3. Ben usually reads the Times newspaper.
   He ___________________ the Times yesterday. He ___________________ the Post.

4. Ben usually leaves the house at 8:00.
   He ___________________ the house at 8:00. He ___________________ at 9:00.

5. Ben usually takes a bus to work.
   He ___________________ a bus yesterday. He ___________________ a taxi.

6. Ben usually meets his boss in the morning.
   He ___________________ his boss in the morning yesterday. He ___________________ him in the afternoon.

7. Ben usually writes 10 letters every morning.
   He ___________________ write 10 letters yesterday. He ___________________ 5 letters.

8. Ben usually eats lunch in the office.
   He ___________________ lunch in the office yesterday. He ___________________ lunch in a restaurant.

9. Ben usually has a lot of appointments every day.
   He ___________________ a lot of appointments yesterday. He only ___________________ a few.

10. Ben usually goes home at 6:00.
    He ___________________ home at 6:00 yesterday. He ___________________ home at 7:00.
Past Tense Irregular Verbs – Question Formation

Write the questions. Follow the example given below.

Ex. Did you wake up early? No I didn’t. I woke up late.

1. ____________________________ at 7:00? No, we didn’t. We met at 8:00.

2. ____________________________ at the pool? No, he didn’t. He swam in the lake.

3. ____________________________ apples? No, she didn’t. She bought oranges.

4. ____________________________ French? No, they didn’t. They spoke Spanish.

5. ____________________________ to school? No, I didn’t. I drove to the office.

6. ____________________________ on time? No, he didn’t. He came late.

7. ____________________________ to Paris? No, she didn’t. She flew to Rome.

8. ____________________________ your purse? No, I didn’t. I lost my wallet.

9. ____________________________ a big fish? No, he didn’t. He caught a small one.

10. ____________________________ a cake? No, she didn’t. She made a pie.

11. ____________________________ 8 hours? No, I didn’t. I slept 9 hours.

12. ____________________________ their mother? No, they didn’t. They told me.

13. ____________________________ on the sofa? No, we didn’t. We sat on chairs.

14. ____________________________ a skirt? No, she didn’t. She wore a dress.

15. ____________________________ the windows? No, I didn’t. I shut the door.

16. ____________________________ at the front of the room? No, she didn’t. She stood at the back of the room.
Past Tense – Irregular Verbs – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (who, what, where, when, why, how much) to make questions in the simple past tense. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. She bought the toy at Wal-Mart.
   Where did she buy the toy?

1. __________________________________________________________________________
   They left the office at 6:00.

2. __________________________________________________________________________
   She didn’t go to work because she was sick.

3. __________________________________________________________________________
   I spent $80.00 on groceries.

4. __________________________________________________________________________ *
   Rosa spoke to the boss.

5. __________________________________________________________________________ *
   Rosa spoke to the boss.

(Note the difference between #4 and #5. Can you explain the grammar rule?)

6. __________________________________________________________________________
   She said “hello” to me.

7. __________________________________________________________________________
   I felt sick yesterday.

8. __________________________________________________________________________
   The sun rose at 6:45 A.M. yesterday.

9. __________________________________________________________________________
   She wore a beautiful dress to the party.

10. __________________________________________________________________________
    The meeting took place in Room 29.
Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb into the correct past tense form.

buy / ring / lie / break / teach / fly / set / send / wake / swim / be / pay / meet / have / write / drink / give / get / take / catch / lose

1. She ______________________ a plate when she was washing the dishes.

2. They ______________________ to Paris in a jumbo jet last week.

3. I _________ the alarm clock for 7:00 yesterday morning, but I _____________ up a half-hour before the alarm clock ________________.

4. I __________________________ a letter to my friends back home.

5. He __________________________ flowers to his girlfriend for her birthday.

6. His mother ______________________ care of him when he ______________________ sick.

7. The teacher ______________________ the mathematics class and then ______________ the students three exercises to do for homework.

8. Angie ___________________ a bad cold last week. She ______________________ in bed for three days.

9. Matthew __________________ his wallet on the way to work yesterday. He _____________ very upset.

10. The children __________________________ in the lake behind their house.

11. We __________________________ a wonderful time at your party last night.

12. I __________________________ groceries on my way home yesterday and I ________________ in cash.

13. I ________________ three friends at the café and we ________________ several cups of coffee together.
Time Expressions for the Past

Complete the following sentences using yesterday, last, or ago.

1. She came to this country three years _____________________.
2. I was very tired ______________________ week.
3. The class was cancelled _________________ Monday.
4. I spoke to him ten minutes ____________________.
5. The weather was beautiful ____________________ summer.
6. We went dancing _________________________ night.
7. The boss was away _________________________ morning.
8. We started this class _____________________ fall.
9. The children watched a little TV _____________________ evening.
10. She got married five years ____________________.
11. We skied a lot __________________________ winter.
12. We went shopping _________________________ afternoon.
13. She left five minutes _________________________
14. They left the city a month ____________________
15. They came back __________________________ week.

Opposites in the Past – Review of Irregular Verbs

Write the opposite of each verb below. Make sure to use the past tense. (Note: there may be more than one possible opposite, but try to think of one that has an irregular past form.)

Ex. sat - stood

1. remembered ________________ 9. floated ________________
2. bought ________________ 10. saved (money) ________________
3. found ________________ 11. ended ________________
4. brought ________________ 12. repaired ________________
5. arrived ________________ 13. came ________________
6. opened ________________ 14. received (a letter) ________________
7. rose (the sun) ________________ 15. lost (a game) ________________
8. learned ________________ 16. fell asleep ________________
Find Someone Who……… (Past Tense Review)

Interview your classmates. Walk around the class and find someone…

1. who woke up late this morning.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

2. didn’t take the bus to school this morning.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

3. who ate an egg for breakfast this morning.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

4. who saw a good movie on TV last night.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

5. who bought something expensive yesterday.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

6. who had a bad cold last week.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

7. who won something last year.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

8. who read a great book last month.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

9. who heard some interesting gossip last week.
   _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

10. who went on a vacation outside the country last year.
    _______________________
    ___________________________________________________________________
Answers

Page 1.
A. 1. was 2. were 3. was 4. was 5. were 6. were 7. was 8. was 9. were 10. were 11. were 12. were
B. 1. weren’t 2. wasn’t 3. wasn’t 4. wasn’t 5. wasn’t
C. 1. it wasn’t cold yesterday 2. she wasn’t sick yesterday 3. they weren’t at school today 4. it wasn’t good yesterday 5. they weren’t sweet yesterday 6. it wasn’t interesting yesterday 7. he wasn’t angry yesterday 8. it wasn’t locked yesterday 9. they weren’t easy yesterday

Page 2.
1. Was it cold outside yesterday? No, it wasn’t. 2. Were they sick last week? No, they weren’t. 3. Was Don at the office last Saturday? Yes, he was. 4. Was the car expensive? Yes, it was. 5. Were the children excited? No, they weren’t. 6. Was the store open? No, it wasn’t 7. Was the movie interesting? Yes, it was. 8. Was the food good? No it wasn’t

Page 3.
1. Why was she tired today? 2. Where was she last night? 3. How many people were at the party? 4. What was in the box? 5. Where was the secretary? 6. When were the students absent? 7. Why was she late? 8. Who was at the door?

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1. The boys didn’t play soccer. 2. Carol didn’t call her mother 3. Donald didn’t fix his TV 4. Peter didn’t dance with Betty.

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1. didn’t get up / got up 2. didn’t take / took 3. didn’t read / read 4. didn’t leave / left 5. didn’t take / took 6. didn’t meet / met 7. didn’t write / wrote 8. didn’t eat / ate 9. didn’t have / had 10. didn’t go / went

Page 9.
1. Did you meet... 2. Did he swim... 3. Did she eat... 4. Did they speak... 5. Did you drive... 6. Did he come... 7. Did she fly... 8. Did you lose... 9. Did he catch... 10. Did she make... 11. Did you sleep... 12. Did they tell... 13. Did you sit... 14. Did she wear... 15. Did you shut... 16. Did she stand...

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