

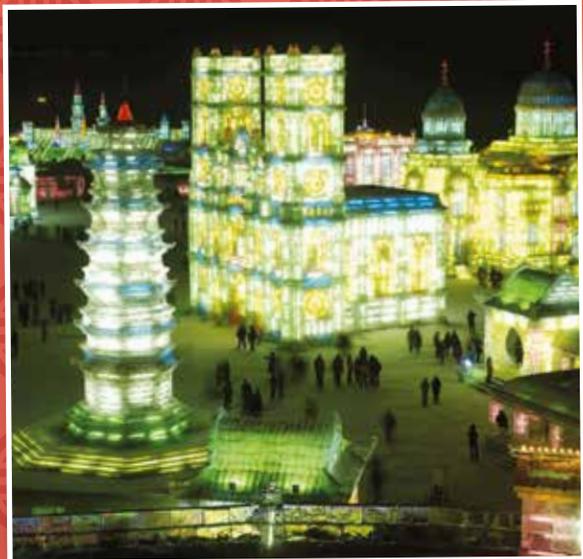
Discover Grammar

A Listen and read.  06

Every year in Harbin, China, there's a festival of ice and snow. This is the ice city. It wasn't here in fall. Imagine! All these amazing buildings weren't here. This was a field!

The ice is from the Songhua River. It was water in summer! But now, in winter, it's ice. The statues were big blocks of ice and snow. Now they're beautiful sculptures of people and animals.

Harbin is very cold in winter. But in spring, it gets warm. The ice melts. There was an amazing city of snow and ice here. But now it's water again. It wasn't a dream! Come back next winter!

B Read the text again. Circle the simple past of *to be*.

C Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences.

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|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 The river | ● | ● a were big blocks of ice and snow. |
| 2 The ice city | ● | ● b was water in summer. |
| 3 The statues | ● | ● c weren't here. This was a field! |
| 4 The amazing buildings | ● | ● d wasn't here in fall. |

Learn Grammar

A Read and learn.

Learn Grammar Simple Past of Verb To Be

Affirmative and Negative Statements

We can use the simple past of *to be* to talk about things in the past.
The statues **were** solid ice. I **wasn't** in Harbin yesterday.



Watch out! The verb *to be* is irregular in the simple past.

Affirmative			Negative		
I	was	cold. pretty.	I	wasn't (was not)	cold. pretty.
He / She / It			He / She / It		
You	were		You	weren't (were not)	
We			We		
They		They			

There was and *there were* are the simple past forms of *there is* and *there are*.

Singular		Plural	
There was	an ice city.	There were	fireworks.

B Read and circle the correct words.

Girl This is a picture of the ice city in Harbin.

Boy Wow! It's amazing.

Girl Yes, it ¹ **was** / **were** very big. The statues
² **was** / **were** beautiful.

Boy I ³ **was** / **were** in Harbin last summer.
It ⁴ **was** / **were** hot and sunny.

Girl Oh! It ⁵ **wasn't** / **weren't** hot in January!



C Listen and check.  07

D Act it out!

E Read and circle the correct words.

¹ *There was / There were* a lot of people. ² *There was / There were* a big statue of a man. ³ *There was / There were* pretty colored lights and ⁴ *there was / there were* fireworks. ⁵ *There was / There were* an ice slide and ⁶ *there was / there were* a horse. I love the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival!

F Read and write *was* or *were*.

Dear Grandma,
This is a postcard from the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival.
The festival ¹ _____ great! The weather ² _____ very cold. The ice city ³ _____ amazing. The statues ⁴ _____ beautiful.
We ⁵ _____ very happy. At the end of the day, I ⁶ _____ tired and hungry.
Dinner at our hotel ⁷ _____ delicious. Our holiday in China ⁸ _____ great!
Love, Michelle

G Read Grandma's email and circle the correct words.

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for your postcard! I was in Harbin in spring. The weather ¹ **wasn't** / **weren't** cold. It ² **was** / **were** warm but it ³ **was** / **were** rainy. The ice city ⁴ **wasn't** / **weren't** there! It melts in spring. The statues ⁵ **was** / **were** all water again. The river ⁶ **wasn't** / **weren't** ice. It ⁷ **was** / **were** water, too. But the people ⁸ **wasn't** / **weren't** sad! They can see the ice again in winter. Harbin ⁹ **was** / **were** very pretty in spring.

Love, Grandma



H Write sentences with *was, wasn't, were, or weren't*.

- 1 ✓ We / at the festival We were at the festival.
- 2 ✓ The fireworks / beautiful _____
- 3 ✗ I / tired _____
- 4 ✗ We / cold _____
- 5 ✓ The festival / great _____

I Read and complete.

was wasn't were weren't

This is the sand sculpture festival in Mexico. I ¹ _____ ✓ there last summer. There ² _____ ✓ a lot of sculptures on the beach. The sculptures ³ _____ ✓ funny. It ⁴ _____ ✓ summer. The weather ⁵ _____ ✓ hot. It ⁶ _____ ✗ cold! The festival ⁷ _____ ✓ great. The sculptures ⁸ _____ ✗ small. They ⁹ _____ ✓ big! There ¹⁰ _____ ✓ a man on the beach with ice creams. We ¹¹ _____ ✓ hot. The ice creams ¹² _____ ✓ delicious.



Let's Talk!

J Read about Michelle's school. Circle the verb *to be*.

My name is **Michelle**. This year, I am **7** years old. I am in **grade 2**. My teacher is **Mrs. Li**. My class is nice. There are **21** students in my class. My friends are in my class. I am happy at school!

K Change the blue words to make the text true for you. Tell a friend.

L Now write about last year. What was different? Use the simple past of *to be*.

My name is _____ . Last year, I was _____ years old. _____

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A Listen and read.  08

Ivan We made chocolate pudding at school yesterday.

Maria Mmm. How was it?

Ivan It was delicious! Let's make some.

Maria Was it difficult to make?

Ivan No, it wasn't.

Maria What was in it?

Ivan Well, we need chocolate, butter, eggs, and sugar.

Maria OK. Was the chocolate a solid?

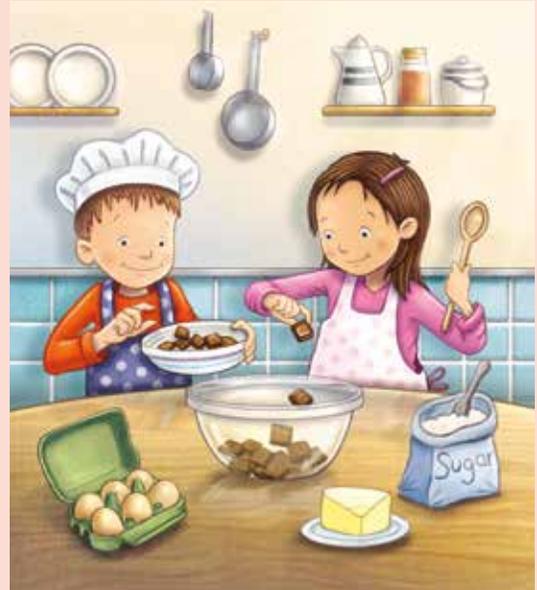
Ivan No, it wasn't, so we need to melt it.

Maria Was the butter a liquid?

Ivan Yes, it was, so we need to melt that, too.

Maria OK. Sugar, eggs ... Were the eggs a liquid?

Ivan Yes, they were. We need to mix them. We need to put air in the mixture. Then we put everything in a dish and put it in the oven.

B Read the text again. Underline questions with *was* and *were*.

C Match the questions and answers.

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|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Was it difficult to make? | ● | ● a It was delicious! |
| 2 What was in it? | ● | ● b No, it wasn't. |
| 3 Were the eggs a solid? | ● | ● c Chocolate, butter, eggs, and sugar. |
| 4 How was it? | ● | ● d No, they weren't. |

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Questions

We can ask questions about the past using *Was* and *Were*:

Was it difficult? **Were** the cookies good?

We answer this type of question with *Yes* and *No*.

Yes, it **was**. / **No**, it **wasn't**. **Yes**, they **were**. / **No**, they **weren't**.

We use question words (*Where*, *What*, and *How*) in open questions.

Where questions ask about places.

Where was the pudding? It was **in the freezer**.

What questions ask about things.

What was in the pudding? **Chocolate, sugar, and eggs**.

How questions can be answered with adjectives.

How was the pudding? It was **delicious**.



B Read and circle the correct question words.

Girl ¹ **How** / **Where** was your class party?

Boy It was fun.

Girl ² **Were** / **Was** the cake good?

Boy Yes, it was. And there were sandwiches, too!

Girl ³ **How** / **What** was in the sandwiches?

Boy Cheese and butter.



C Listen and check.  09

D Act it out!

E Read and cross out the answer that doesn't belong.

- 1 Where was the picnic?
a It was in the park. b ~~Yes, it was.~~ c It was in the playground.
- 2 How was the soup?
a It was on the table. b It was cold. c It was nice.
- 3 What was in the pie?
a Apples and sugar. b Fruit and cream. c No, they weren't.
- 4 Were the cookies delicious?
a Yes, they were. b No, they weren't. c Chocolate chips.

F Read the questions and complete the short answers.

- 1 Was the apple green? No, it wasn't .
- 2 Was your lunch healthy? Yes, it _____ .
- 3 Were the cookies good? No, they _____ .
- 4 Were your sandwiches tasty? Yes, they _____ .
- 5 Was the pudding hot? No, it _____ .

G Complete the sentences. Use the question words in the box.

How Was Where What

- 1 _____ were the cookies? Were they in the cupboard?
- 2 _____ your coffee cold?
- 3 _____ was in the spaghetti sauce?
- 4 _____ was the chocolate cake? Was it good?

H Look and match the questions from **G** to the answers.



a No, it wasn't.
It was hot.



b They were in
the oven.



c It was delicious!



d Tomatoes, onions,
and meat.

Let's Talk!

I Match the questions and answers. Ask and answer with a friend.

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Where was the picnic? | a Yes, it was. |
| 2 How was the picnic? | b It was on the beach. |
| 3 Was the weather sunny? | c Yes, they were. |
| 4 Were the children happy? | d It was fun! |



J Write the words in the correct order to make more questions about the picture.

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|--|-------|
| 1 tired / ? / Grandpa / Was | _____ |
| 2 table / What / ? / the / on / was | _____ |
| 3 ? / good / chicken / Was / the | _____ |
| 4 fruit bowl / ? / What / in / the / was | _____ |
| 5 happy / Dad / ? / Was | _____ |

K Play a memory game. Ask and answer with a friend.

Was Grandpa tired?

Yes, he was.

What was on the table?

Pizza, salad, and cake.

Module 2 Review

A Read and circle the simple past of *to be*.

It was Uncle Joe's wedding yesterday! We weren't at my house. We were at Grandma's house. All my cousins were there. It was hot and sunny. The wedding cake was very big, but my favorite thing was a beautiful statue made of ice. It was a swan and it was amazing. At the end of the evening, the statue wasn't there! It wasn't ice. It was water again.

Lily



B Look and write sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't*, or *weren't*.



1 The weather / sunny



3 The cake / delicious



2 The children / tired



4 The ice statue / a swan

C Read the answers and complete the questions.

How were Were Where was What was Was

- _____ the ice statue?
- _____ the flowers pretty?
- _____ in the cake?
- _____ your uncle happy?
- _____ the sandwiches?

It was on the table with the flowers.
Yes, they were. They were very pretty.
Chocolate! My uncle loves chocolate.
Yes, he was. He was very happy.
They were delicious!