

Past simple of be: was/ were

USE:

We use the past simple to talk about finished events in the past.

FORM:

Affirmative		Negative		
		long form		short form
I	was	I	was not	I wasn't
she, he, it	was	she, he, it	was not	he wasn't
we, you, they	were	we, you, they	were not	we weren't

Question		Short answer	
		positive	negative
Was	I ...?	Yes, I was.	No, I wasn't.
Was	she, he, it ...?	Yes, she was.	No, he wasn't.
Were	we, you, they ...?	Yes, they were.	No, we weren't.

EXAMPLES:

Affirmative - She **was** at the library yesterday.

Negative - She **was not (=wasn't)** at the library yesterday.

Interrogative - **Was** she at the library yesterday?

Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.

Affirmative - You **were** in Tenerife last year.

Negative - You **were not (=weren't)** in Tenerife last year.

Interrogative - **Were** you in Tenerife last year?

Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.