



Was/Were

Positive Statements

- I was a footballer.
- You were a footballer.
- He was a footballer.
- She was a footballer.
- It was a football.
- We were footballers.
- They were footballers.

Question Statements

- Was I a footballer?
- Were you a footballer?
- Was he a footballer?
- Were we footballers?
- Were they footballers?

Negative Statements

- I was not a footballer. / I wasn't a footballer.
- You were not a footballer. / You weren't a footballer.
- He was not a footballer. / He wasn't a footballer.
- We were not footballers. / We weren't footballers.
- They were not footballers. / They weren't footballers.

Tag Questions

- I was a footballer, wasn't I?
- You were a footballer, weren't you?
- He was a footballer, wasn't he?

A Curious Phrase

- Before was was was was is

Was/Were: Form

- We use **was/were** as the past simple forms of **be**.
- We use **was** for **I/he/she/it** and **were** for **you/we/they**.
- Examples:
 - I **was** at home yesterday.
 - You **were** late at the meeting.
 - She **was** excited about the party.
 - We **were** tired after the excursion.
 - **Were** they at the conference?

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POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
<div>I He She It You We They</div> <div>was were</div>	<div>I He She It You We They</div> <div>was not wasn't were not weren't</div>	<div>Was Were</div> <div>I He She It You We They</div> <div>?</div>

SHORT ANSWER	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
<div>Yes,</div> <div>I He She It You We They</div> <div>was were</div>	<div>No,</div> <div>I He She It You We They</div> <div>was not wasn't were not weren't</div>	<div>! NEGATIVE</div> <div>✗ He didn't was. ✓ He wasn't.</div> <div>! QUESTION</div> <div>✗ Did she was? ✓ Was she?</div>

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No Positive Short Forms

- The negative short forms of **was not** and **were not** are **wasn't** and **weren't**.
- There are **no short forms of was** and **were** in affirmative sentences.
- Examples:
 - Tom **was** tired, but Susan **wasn't** very tired.
 - Paul and Tom **were** happy, but we **weren't** happy.

Was/Were: Use

- **Was/were** are the past forms of **am/is/are**.
- Present: **am/is** = past: **was**
- Present: **are** = past: **were**
- Examples:
 - I'm happy. \Rightarrow I **was** happy. (**am** \Rightarrow **was**)
 - She **is** at her office. \Rightarrow She **was** at her office. (**is** \Rightarrow **was**)
 - You **are** late. \Rightarrow You **were** late. (**are** \Rightarrow **were**)

Using Was/Were with Time Expressions

- We use **was/were** to talk about the past.
- We often use past expressions of time:
 - **yesterday, last night, last week, two months ago, etc.**
- Examples:
 - She **was** in Stuttgart last summer.
 - We **were** late to the party last night.

The Expression 'Be Born'

- We use **was/were** in the expression **was/were born**.
- The expression **be born** is always past (NOT present): **was/were born**.
- Example 1:
 - 'Where **were** you born?' 'I **was** born in Sweden.'
- Example 2 (Incorrect):
 - 'Where **are** you born?' 'I **am** born in Sweden.'
- Example 3:
 - Mozart **was** born in 1756.