

Unité 11

was/were

A



Now Robert **is** at work.

At midnight last night
he **wasn't** at work.

He **was** in bed.
He **was** asleep.

am/is (présent) → **was** (passé):

- ☐ I **am** tired. (maintenant) Je suis fatigué.
- ☐ Where **is** Kate? (maintenant) Où est Kate?
- ☐ The weather **is** good today. Il fait beau ...

I **was** tired **last night**. J'étais fatigué hier soir.
Where **was** Kate **yesterday**? Où était Kate hier?
The weather **was** good **last week**.
Il faisait beau la semaine passée.

are (présent) → **were** (passé):

- ☐ You **are** late. (maintenant) Vous êtes en retard.
- ☐ They **aren't** here. Ils ne sont pas là.

You **were** late **yesterday**. Vous étiez en retard hier.
They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.
... n'étaient pas là ...

B

forme affirmative

forme négative

forme interrogative

I he she it	was
we you they	were

I he she it	was not (wasn't)
we you they	were not (weren't)

was	I? he? she? it?
were	we? you? they?

Was/were correspondent d'ordinaire à l'imparfait du verbe 'être' en français:

- ☐ My sister **was** in Paris last weekend. ... était à Paris ...
- ☐ When I **was** a child, my teachers **were** very nice. Quand j'étais enfant, ... étaient très gentilles.
- ☐ The hotel **was** comfortable, but it **wasn't** expensive. ... était confortable, mais il n'était pas cher.
- ☐ We **weren't** tired after the journey. Nous n'étions pas fatigués après le voyage.
- ☐ Why **were** you angry? Pourquoi étiez-vous fâché?

Was/were peuvent aussi correspondre au passé simple ou au passé composé en français:

- ☐ Louis XIV **was** king from 1643 to 1715. ... fut roi ...
- ☐ **Was** Sandra happy when she **was** in California? Est-ce que Sandra était / a été heureuse ... était ... ?

Notez que dans certaines expressions, **was/were** en anglais correspondent à 'avoir' en français:

- ☐ Last year Rachel **was** 22, so she is 23 now. ... Rachel avait 22 ans, donc elle a ...
- ☐ When I was a child, I **was** afraid of dogs. ... j'avais peur des chiens.
- ☐ We **weren't** hungry after the journey. Nous n'avions pas faim ...

C

Réponses brèves

Yes,	I/he/she/it was .
	we/you/they were .

No,	I/he/she/it wasn't .
	we/you/they weren't .

- ☐ 'Were you late?' 'No, I **wasn't**.'
- ☐ 'Was Ted at work yesterday?' 'Yes, he **was**.'
- ☐ 'Were Sue and Steve at the party?' 'No, they **weren't**.'

Exercices

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11.1 Observez les illustrations et répondez à la question suivante: où étaient ces personnes à 3 heures hier après-midi?



- 1 Gary was in bed.
- 2 Jack and Kate
- 3 Sue
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I

11.1

- 2 Jack and Kate were at/in the cinema.
- 3 Sue was at the station.
- 4 Mr and Mrs Hall were in/at a restaurant.
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- 6 (Exemple de réponse) I was at work.

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- 2 Today the weather nice, but yesterday it very cold.
- 3 I hungry. Can I have something to eat?
- 4 I feel fine this morning, but I very tired last night.
- 5 Where you at 11 o'clock last Friday morning?
- 6 Don't buy those shoes. They very expensive.
- 7 I like your new jacket. it expensive?
- 8 This time last year I in Paris.
- 9 'Where the children?' 'I don't know. They here a few minutes ago.'

11.2

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| 2 is ... was | 6 're/are |
| 3 'm/am | 7 Was |
| 4 was | 8 was |
| 5 were | 9 are ... were |

11.3 Complétez les phrases en utilisant was/were ou wasn't/weren't.

- 1 We weren't happy with the hotel. Our room was very small and it wasn't clean.
- 2 Mark at work last week because he ill. He's better now.
- 3 Yesterday a public holiday, so the banks closed. They're open today.
- 4 '..... Kate and Bill at the party?' 'Kate there, but Bill
- 5 'Where are my keys?' 'I don't know. They on the table, but they're not there now.'
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| 2 (difficult / your exam?)
..... | → No, it was easy. |
| 3 (last week / where / Sue and Chris?)
..... | → They were on holiday. |
| 4 (your new camera / how much?)
..... | → Sixty pounds. |
| 5 (angry / you / yesterday / why?)
..... | → Because you were late. |
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..... | → Yes, it was beautiful. |

11.3

- 2 wasn't ... was
- 3 was ... were
- 4 'Were Kate and Bill at the party?' 'Kate was there, but Bill wasn't.' ou 'Kate wasn't there, but Bill was.'
- 5 were
- 6 weren't ... were

11.4

- 2 Was your exam difficult?
- 3 Where were Sue and Chris last week?
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- 5 Why were you angry yesterday?
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