

EXPLICACION: THE PAST TENSE, THE VERB TO BE.

VERBO TO BE - PASADO SIMPLE		
MODO AFIRMATIVO	MODO INTERROGATIVO	MODO NEGATIVO
I was Fui / era estuve / estaba	Was I? ¿fui? / ¿era? ¿estuve? ¿estaba?	I was not no fui / no era no estuve no estaba
You were Fuiste eras estuviste / estabas	Were you? ¿fuiste? / ¿eras? ¿estuviste? ¿estabas?	You were not no fuiste / no eras no estuviste no estabas
He was Fue / era estuvo / estaba	Was he? ¿fue? / ¿era? ¿estuvo? ¿estaba?	He was not no fue / no era no estuvo no estaba
She was Fue / era estuvo / estaba	Was she? ¿fue? / ¿era? ¿Estuvo? ¿Estaba?	She was not no fue / no era no estuvo no estaba
It was Fue / era estuvo / estaba	Was it? ¿fue? / ¿era? ¿estuvo? ¿Estaba?	It was not no fue / no era no estuvo no estaba
We were Fuimos / éramos estuvimos estábamos	Were we? ¿fuimos? / ¿éramos? ¿estuvimos? ¿estábamos?	We were not no fuimos / no éramos no estuvimos no estábamos
You were Fueron / eran estuvieron estaban	Were you? ¿fueron? / ¿eran? ¿estuvieron? ¿estaban?	You were not no fueron / no eran no estuvieron no estaban
They were Fueron / eran estuvieron estaban	Were they? ¿fueron? / ¿eran? ¿estuvieron? ¿estaban?	They were not no fueron no eran no estuvieron / no estaban

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
I WAS	I WASN'T	WAS I ... ?
YOU WERE	YOU WEREN'T	WERE YOU ... ?
HE } WAS	HE } WASN'T	HE ... ?
SHE } WAS	SHE } WASN'T	SHE ... ?
IT } WAS	IT } WASN'T	IT ... ?
WE } WERE	WE } WEREN'T	WE ... ?
YOU } WERE	YOU } WEREN'T	YOU ... ?
THEY } WERE	THEY } WEREN'T	THEY ... ?

VERB TO BE (PAST TENSE)

AFFIRMATIVE

I was
You were
He was
She was
It was
We were
You were
They were

NEGATIVE

I wasn't
You weren't
He wasn't
She wasn't
It wasn't
We weren't
You weren't
They weren't

INTERROGATIVE

Was I...?
Were you...?
Was he...?
Was she...?
Was it...?
Were we...?
Were you...?
Were they...?

B E V E R B P A S T

Be Verb Past is used to talk about:
where something or someone was and events and conditions in the past.

I was...
You were...
He was...
She was...
It was...
We were...
They were...

I was not...
You were not...
He was not...
She was not...
It was not...
We were not...
They were not...

I wasn't...
You weren't...
He wasn't...
She wasn't...
It wasn't...
We weren't...
They weren't...

orange = subject
blue = be verb
pink = contraction

W A S W E R E

Was I...?
Were you...?
Was he...?
Was she...?
Was it...?
Were we...?
Were they...?

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

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

Hi! When I was in the second grade I was very short and my favorite color was pink, so my nickname was "Strawberry Shortcake." Now I'm in the sixth grade and I'm very tall, but I still like pink! So now my nickname is "Strawberry Long Legs!"

I was sad yesterday. Strawberry Long Legs was at her friend's house and Mike was looking for his skateboard. There was no one to play with me. But today we can play together all day long so I'm happy.

Hi, I'm Mike. It was Saturday yesterday, but I wasn't very happy because I couldn't find my skateboard and helmet! They weren't in the garage, they weren't in my room, and they weren't in the garden. I was so sad. Then I found them. They were in my big sister's room! I was so mad!

Las reglas son las siguientes:

I, he, she, it – was

You, we, they – were

Para la primera y tercera persona del singular se usa la palabra “was”; para el resto se utiliza “were”.

Por ejemplo:

- “She **was** a student”. Ella era estudiante.
- “They **were** doctors”. Ellos eran doctores.

Para hacer una pregunta hay que colocar “was/were” al principio de la oración:

- “**Was** she a student?”. ¿Ella era estudiante?
- “**Were** they doctors?”. ¿Ellos eran doctores?

En las oraciones negativas hay que añadir el adverbio “not” y ponerlo después de la palabra “was/were”.

Recuerda que la mayoría de las veces se usa la contracción (forma abreviada) en las oraciones negativas: “**wasn’t = was not**” “**weren’t = were not**”.

- “He **wasn’t** at the cinema with us”. Él no estaba en el cine con nosotros.
- “We **weren’t** at home on Sunday”. Nosotros no estábamos en casa el domingo.
- “I **wasn’t** hungry”. No tenía hambre.

Verbo to be en pasado

- I was – Yo fui, era o estuve.
- You were – Tú fuiste, eras o estuviste.
- She/he/it was – Él/Ella/ello fue, era o estuvo.
- We were – Nosotros fuimos, éramos o estuvimos.
- You were – Vosotros fuisteis, erais o estuvisteis.
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