

BEGINNERS

Unit 16

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WAS AND WERE

In English, we use "was" and "were" to talk about states, feelings, or locations in the past. It is the past form of "am", "is", and "are".

WAS	I was	I wasn't	Was I ___?
	He was	He wasn't	Was he ___?
	She was	She wasn't	Was she ___?
	It was	It wasn't	Was it ___?
WERE	We were	We weren't	Were we ___?
	You were	You weren't	Were you ___?
	They were	They weren't	Were they ___?



- Nick was at the office until late last night.
- He wasn't at home for dinner.
- Was he busy?
Yes, he was.
- Why was he there?
He was there for a meeting.



- The black shoes were on sale last week.
- They weren't expensive.
- Were they the right size for you?
Yes, they were.
- Where were they in the shop?
They were in the back section.



- You were a very efficient assistant.
- You weren't careless.
- Were you happy with your salary?
Yes, I was.
- Where were you before that job?
I was in a small local office.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Instructions:

Complete the sentences using "was" or "were".



1. The soup _____ delicious at the restaurant last night.



2. The students _____ nervous before the final exam.



3. I _____ at the hair salon with my mom this morning.



4. My parents _____ in the garden for three hours.



5. The hotel room _____ very clean and quiet.



6. Alice and Robert _____ late for the wedding ceremony.



7. It _____ a very cold day in the middle of January.



8. You _____ right about the directions to the police station.



9. The blender _____ on the kitchen counter.



10. We _____ at the farm for the entire weekend.



11. Kathy _____ the only nurse in town.



12. The sunglasses _____ inside the blue bag.



13. The workshop _____ very long but quite interesting.



14. My sisters _____ excited about the trip to Canada.



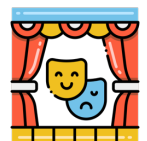
15. The small cat _____ under the sofa all night.



16. Those brown shoes _____ on sale last week.



17. Mrs. Clark _____ very tired after the long day at work.



18. The children _____ very quiet during the play.



19. The local zoo _____ closed on Monday.



20. You and I _____ in the same group for the project.

TIME CONTRAST

Instructions: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb "to be" (am, is, are, was, were).



1. The mashed potatoes _____ delicious now, but they _____ too salty earlier.



2. Right now, I _____ at the gym, but two hours ago I _____ at the grocery store.



3. The city streets _____ very quiet today; however, they _____ noisy last night.



4. Mr. Miller _____ the manager of this office now, but in 2018 he _____ a clerk.



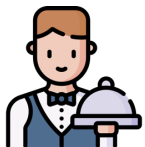
5. The documents _____ on your desk now, but they _____ in the file cabinet this morning.



6. The small coffee shop _____ crowded today, but it _____ completely empty yesterday.



7. Now, the twins _____ very energetic, but an hour ago they _____ tired.



8. I _____ a head chef in this restaurant now, but four years ago I _____ a waiter.



9. The sky _____ clear and blue this morning, but it _____ very cloudy right now.



10. My neighbor, Mr. Higgins, _____ retired now, but he _____ a firefighter for twenty years.



11. The express bus _____ late, but it _____ on time all last week.



12. Those tall buildings _____ modern offices today, but they _____ old factories in the past.



13. My sister _____ fine now, but she _____ sick last weekend.



14. The oranges _____ a bit soft today, but they _____ fresh yesterday morning.



15. You _____ very tall now! The last time I saw you, you _____ quite short.



16. My new laptop _____ very fast, but my old computer _____ extremely slow.



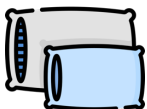
17. The swimming pool _____ open now, but it _____ closed for repairs last month.



18. Today, the children _____ at the playground, but yesterday they _____ at the amusement park.



19. My wife and I _____ very happy with our new house, but we _____ sad when we moved out of our old apartment.



20. The pillows _____ soft and comfortable now, but the hotel bed _____ very hard last night.

COMPLETE THE DIALOGUES

Instructions:

Fill in the blanks with am, is, are, was, or were.



Dialogue 1: The Cold Coffee

A: This coffee _____ cold!

B: That's strange. It _____ hot just a minute ago.

A: _____ you sure?

B: Yes, the pot _____ full and steaming earlier.



Dialogue 2: A New Job

A: How _____ your new job at the bank?

B: It _____ great! I _____ very happy there.

A: _____ your old office very small?

B: Yes, it _____. My new office _____ much bigger.



Dialogue 3: The Missing Cat

A: Where _____ the cat?

B: She _____ under the sofa a second ago.

A: She _____ not there now.

B: Oh, look! She _____ in the kitchen.



Dialogue 4: Last Night

A: Where _____ Sarah and James last night?

B: They _____ at a concert.

A: _____ it a good show?

B: Yes, the music _____ fantastic.



Dialogue 5: The Clean Apartment

A: Your apartment _____ beautiful and so clean!

B: Thank you! It _____ very messy yesterday.

A: Really?

B: Yes, I _____ very busy cleaning all morning.



Dialogue 6: Feeling Sick

A: _____ you okay today, Tom?

B: Yes, I _____ fine now, thanks.

A: You _____ very sick yesterday afternoon.

B: I know. It _____ a difficult day.



Dialogue 7: The Weather

A: The weather _____ wonderful today!

B: It _____! Yesterday _____ so rainy and dark.

A: _____ the kids in the backyard now?

B: Yes, they _____.



Dialogue 8: At the Restaurant

A: This soup _____ too salty.

B: Oh, I _____ sorry. It _____ perfect when I tasted it earlier.

A: _____ the chef in the kitchen now?

B: Yes, he _____. He's going to fix it right away.



Dialogue 9: The Flight

A: _____ you tired after your trip?

B: Yes, I _____. The flight _____ very long.

A: _____ the plane crowded?

B: No, it _____ half empty.



Dialogue 10: Shopping

A: This store _____ very quiet today.

B: You _____ right. It _____ very busy on Saturday.

A: _____ the prices better then?

B: No, they _____ the same.



Dialogue 11: The New Teacher

A: Who _____ our substitute teacher today?

B: It _____ Mr. Jones.

A: _____ he nice?

B: Yes, he _____. Our regular teacher _____ sick today.

SCRAMBLED QUESTIONS

Instructions: Put the words in the correct order to make questions using "was" or "were".

1. friends / where / last / your / were / night / ?

2. open / why / this / was / morning / the / door / ?

3. of / name / what / old / was / that / hotel / the / ?

4. office / how / the / at / your / day / first / was / ?

5. the / wedding / when / ceremony / was / ?

6. flight / what time / to / the / was / Paris / ?

7. morning / where / this / dog / the / was / ?

8. dirty / why / yesterday / were / windows / the / ?

9. trip / during / your / where / passport / the / was / ?

10. breakfast / how / the / were / at / pancakes / ?

11. Houston / when / the / last / was / train / to / ?

12. awake / why / the / at / baby / midnight / was / ?

13. ago / police / ten / car / where / the / was / minutes / ?

14. morning / why / angry / the / was / manager / this / ?

WAS / WERE / DID

Instructions: Complete the sentences with was, were, wasn't, weren't, did, didn't.



1. I _____ at home last night because I _____ go to the party.



2. - _____ the noodle soup delicious?
- Yes, but I _____ finish it because it was too hot.



3. Why _____ you at the office yesterday? _____ you have a lot of work?



4. Chloe _____ happy with the results, but she _____ say anything.



5. - _____ you and your husband at the jewelry store?
- No, we _____. We _____ at the department store.



6. I _____ see your new car yesterday. _____ it in the garage?



7. The weather _____ good, so we _____ go on a hike.



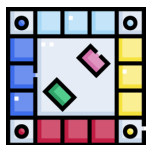
8. - _____ you call the dentist this morning?
- Yes, but he _____ at the clinic.



9. My parents _____ buy the house because it _____ very old.



10. Where _____ you an hour ago? I _____ find you in the office.



11. - _____ the game interesting?
- No, I _____ like it at all.



12. Mr. Wilson _____ very busy, so he _____ answer his phone.



13. - _____ the cake ready for the celebration?
- No, the baker _____ finish it on time.



14. I _____ very tired, but I _____ sleep well last night.



15. - _____ your neighbors at home?
- No, they _____. They _____ on a trip.



16. The bus _____ late, so the passengers _____ arrive on time.



17. Simon _____ at the workshop yesterday because he _____ have his tools.



18. - _____ the camera broken?
- Yes, so Miriam _____ take any photos of the forest.



19. Why _____ you in the basement earlier? _____ you look for the old heater?



20. The boat _____ in the harbor this morning. Where _____ it go?

THE HOUSE PROJECT



Luke and Madison bought an old house in a small village last year. In the beginning, the house was very dark and the garden was messy. The windows were broken, and the walls were a strange green color. They were nervous but excited about the project.

In January, they started the work. Luke painted the kitchen and the living room, while Madison cleaned the wooden floors. They worked very hard every weekend. They didn't hire a professional team because the price was too high. They fixed the doors and bought new furniture for the bedrooms.

However, they didn't finish everything on time. The bathroom wasn't ready in March, so they waited another month. Finally, in May, the house was beautiful and bright. They invited their neighbors for dinner and cooked a special meal. The neighbors were very kind and brought a beautiful plant for the garden. Luke and Madison were exhausted, but they didn't regret their decision. Now, they are very happy in their new home.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Luke and Madison feel nervous but excited about the project?
2. What problems did the house have in the beginning?
3. What changes did Luke make in the house?
4. What changes did Madison make in the house?
5. Why didn't they hire a professional team?
6. What did they do every weekend while they worked on the house?
7. What happened in March, and how did they solve the problem?
8. How was the house different in May compared to the beginning?
9. What did Luke and Madison do to celebrate finishing the house?
10. Why do you think Luke and Madison didn't regret their decision?

A CAREER CHANGE



Mr. Hill was a clerk at a big insurance company for fifteen years. He was a good worker, but he wasn't happy with his routine. His office was small and dark, and his salary was low. He wanted a different life.

Two years ago, he decided to change everything. He didn't stay at the company; he quit his job in July. He studied at a culinary school for six months. It was difficult because he was older than the other people in the class, but he didn't give up. He practiced every day and learned how to cook international food.

Last December, he opened a small bistro in the city center. On the first day, he was very anxious. The bistro was full of people! He cooked all evening, and his brother helped with the tables. The customers were very happy and ate all the food. Mr. Hill didn't make a lot of money in the first month, but he was finally satisfied with his career. His new life was busy, but it was perfect for him.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. What was Mr. Hill's job at the insurance company?
2. Why wasn't Mr. Hill happy with his routine?
3. How was his office, and how was his salary?
4. What decision did Mr. Hill make two years ago?
5. When did he quit his job, and why do you think he did it?
6. What did he do after he quit his job?
7. Why was culinary school difficult for him?
8. What did Mr. Hill do to improve his cooking skills?
9. What happened on the first day he opened the bistro?
10. Why do you think Mr. Hill felt satisfied with his new career?

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE



Sam and Dean were friends in high school. They didn't have a lot of money, but they wanted to start a band. Sam was a guitar player, and Dean was a drummer. Their first instruments were old and cheap, but they practiced every afternoon in a small garage. They didn't play very well in the beginning, but they didn't stop.

Last month, they received an invitation to play at a local festival. On the night of the show, the garage was empty because they were at the town square. The stage was big and the lights were bright. Sam felt nervous, but he didn't show it. They played five songs. The audience listened and clapped at the end. It was a great success! They didn't win a prize, but they were very proud of themselves.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. How were Sam and Dean connected in high school?
2. What did Sam and Dean want to do even though they didn't have a lot of money?
3. What instrument did Sam play, and what instrument did Dean play?
4. What were their first instruments like?
5. Where did they practice, and how often did they practice?
6. How did they play in the beginning, and what did they do about it?
7. What invitation did they receive last month?
8. What was different about the garage on the night of the show, and why?
9. How did Sam feel before the show, and how did he act?
10. What happened after they played the five songs, and how did they feel in the end?

LIFE ON THE FARM



Henry is seventy years old now, but he remembers his childhood clearly. In 1960, his life was very different. He didn't live in a big city; his house was on a small farm. There wasn't a television or a computer in his home. The nights were very quiet and dark.

Every morning, Henry woke up at five o'clock. He helped his father with the cows and the chickens. He didn't take a bus to school; he walked three miles every day. The schoolhouse was small, and there was only one teacher for all the children. In the winter, the classroom was very cold, but the teacher started a fire in the fireplace. Henry didn't have many toys, but he played outside with his dog. He was a happy child because his life was simple and peaceful.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. How old is Henry now, and what does he remember clearly?
2. What was Henry's life like in 1960 compared to now?
3. Where did Henry live when he was a child?
4. What things were not in Henry's home on the farm?
5. What were the nights like on the farm?
6. What time did Henry wake up every morning, and what did he do first?
7. How did Henry go to school, and how far did he walk?
8. What was the schoolhouse like, and how many teachers were there?
9. What was the classroom like in the winter, and what did the teacher do to help?
10. Why was Henry a happy child, even though he didn't have many toys?

TEST

Instructions: Circle the correct option.

1. _____ your neighbors at home when the delivery arrived?
 - a. Was
 - b. Did
 - c. Were
 - d. Do
2. _____ your parents born in a small town or in a city?
 - a. Was
 - b. Were
 - c. Did
 - d. Didn't
3. I _____ very hungry two hours ago, but I am full now.
 - a. am
 - b. were
 - c. was
 - d. did
4. The suitcase _____ very heavy, so I _____ carry it.
 - a. were / didn't
 - b. was / didn't
 - c. was / wasn't
 - d. were / wasn't
5. Where _____ the children during the celebration last Saturday?
 - a. was
 - b. did
 - c. were
 - d. is
6. The movie _____ interesting, so we _____ finish it.
 - a. wasn't / wasn't
 - b. didn't / didn't
 - c. wasn't / was
 - d. wasn't / didn't
7. _____ the chocolate cake ready for the party?
 - a. Was
 - b. Were
 - c. Did
 - d. Is
8. Why _____ the front door open when you arrived this morning?
 - a. were
 - b. did
 - c. didn't
 - d. was
9. _____ you see the store manager yesterday afternoon?
 - a. Did
 - b. Was
 - c. Were
 - d. Do
10. I _____ find the grocery store because the map _____ helpful.
 - a. wasn't / didn't
 - b. didn't / wasn't
 - c. didn't / didn't
 - d. wasn't / wasn't
11. The fridge _____ empty this morning, so I _____ make breakfast.
 - a. was / didn't
 - b. were / didn't
 - c. was / wasn't
 - d. did / wasn't
12. Today the sky _____ clear, but yesterday it _____ very cloudy.
 - a. was / is
 - b. is / was
 - c. are / were
 - d. is / is

13. _____ your nephew buy a new bicycle last week?

- a. Was
- b. Did
- c. Were
- d. Do

14. The workers _____ in the garden; they were in the basement.

- a. was
- b. wasn't
- c. weren't
- d. didn't

15. _____ Clara late for the theater performance?

- a. Were
- b. Did
- c. Didn't
- d. Was

16. Those earrings _____ expensive, so I bought them.

- a. wasn't
- b. didn't
- c. was
- d. weren't

17. _____ the mechanic fix the car this morning?

- a. Were
- b. Was
- c. Did
- d. Does

18. Why _____ you and your brother at the clinic earlier?

- a. did
- b. was
- c. were
- d. are

19. The teacher _____ arrive on time because the traffic _____ bad.

- a. wasn't / was
- b. didn't / was
- c. didn't / did
- d. wasn't / is

20. I _____ very tired, so I _____ go to the gym.

- a. was / wasn't
- b. were / didn't
- c. wasn't / was
- d. was / didn't

21. I _____ at the bakery earlier because I _____ have any cash.

- a. wasn't / wasn't
- b. weren't / didn't
- c. wasn't / didn't
- d. didn't / wasn't

22. Why _____ the television on at three o'clock in the morning?

- a. were
- b. did
- c. didn't
- d. was

23. _____ you talk to the doctor about the results of the exam?

- a. Did
- b. Was
- c. Were
- d. Do

24. The apartment _____ very noisy, so we _____ sleep well.

- a. were / didn't
- b. was / didn't
- c. was / wasn't
- d. were / wasn't

25. The coffee _____ hot, so she _____ drink it.

- a. wasn't / didn't
- b. wasn't / wasn't
- c. didn't / didn't
- d. weren't / didn't

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