

# Past Tense: To be (positive)

## A. Complete the Table

| Present          | Past                  | Present         | Past       |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| I <b>am</b>      | I <b>was</b><br>_____ | It <b>is</b>    | It _____   |
| You <b>are</b>   | You _____             | We <b>are</b>   | We _____   |
| He/She <b>is</b> | He/She _____          | They <b>are</b> | They _____ |

## B. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks.

- They \_\_\_ at the park after school.
  - was
  - were
  - be
- My best friend \_\_\_ sick yesterday.
  - were
  - was
  - are
- We \_\_\_ in the classroom when it started to rain.
  - was
  - were
  - is
- I \_\_\_ tired after the long walk.
  - were
  - are
  - was
- You \_\_\_ great in the school play!
  - was
  - were
  - being
- The dinosaurs \_\_\_ really big.
  - is
  - was
  - were
- It \_\_\_ very cold this morning
  - were
  - was
  - are
- The dog \_\_\_ very hungry last night.
  - was
  - were
  - is

# Past Tense: To be (negative)

## C. Complete the Table

| Present              | Past                    | Present             | Past       |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| I <b>am not</b>      | I <b>was not/wasn't</b> | It <b>is not</b>    | It _____   |
| You <b>are not</b>   | You _____               | We <b>are not</b>   | We _____   |
| He/She <b>is not</b> | He/She _____            | They <b>are not</b> | They _____ |

## D. Make these positive sentences negative.

1. I was at the zoo yesterday. ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

2. She was excited about the picnic. ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

3. They were in the classroom this morning. ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

4. We were late for the movie. ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

5. He was tired after school. ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Fill in the blanks with wasn't or weren't.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ at school yesterday because I was sick.

2. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the park last weekend.

3. It \_\_\_\_\_ very sunny, so we stayed inside.

4. We \_\_\_\_\_ ready for the spelling test.

5. My cat \_\_\_\_\_ happy after the bath!

6. You \_\_\_\_\_ in line when the teacher called you.

7. He \_\_\_\_\_ at the party, but his sister was.

8. The toys \_\_\_\_\_ in the box—they were on the floor

# Past Tense: To be

## (positive & negative)

### F. Put the sentences in order.

1. yesterday / I / very tired / was ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
2. at school / we / weren't / today ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
3. sunny / it / was / morning / this ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
4. my friends / were / at the zoo / not ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
5. cold / wasn't / the soup ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
6. happy / was / dog / the ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
7. they / at the park / were / yesterday ➔ \_\_\_\_\_
8. he / wasn't / home / at ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

### G. Complete the text with the correct word.

(+) positive for was/were. (-) negative for wasn't/weren't

Yesterday, our class \_\_\_\_\_ (+) at the museum.

The museum \_\_\_\_\_ (+) big and fun!

There \_\_\_\_\_ (+) many dinosaur bones.

We \_\_\_\_\_ (-) scared, but we \_\_\_\_\_ (+) excited.

My friend Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (-) at school last week, but today he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (+) with us.

The T-Rex skeleton \_\_\_\_\_ (+) really tall.

The baby dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_ (+) so cute!

It \_\_\_\_\_ (-) boring—we had so much fun.

Later, we saw a space movie. It \_\_\_\_\_ (+) amazing!

I \_\_\_\_\_ (+) happy because I love dinosaurs.

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## Answer Key

### Page 1

#### A. Complete the Table

| Present       | Past              | Present      | Past             |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| I am not      | I was             | It is not    | It <b>was</b>    |
| You are not   | You <b>were</b>   | We are not   | We <b>were</b>   |
| He/She is not | He/She <b>was</b> | They are not | They <b>were</b> |

#### B. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks.

1. b.) were
2. b.) was
3. b.) were
4. c.) was
5. b.) were
6. b.) was
7. b.) was
8. a.) was

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#### C. Complete the Table

| Present          | Past                                  | Present      | Past                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| I am not         | I was<br>not/wasn't                   | It is not    | It <b>was</b><br><b>not/wasn't</b>     |
| You are not      | You <b>were</b><br><b>not/weren't</b> | We are not   | We <b>were</b><br><b>not/weren't</b>   |
| He/She is<br>not | He/She<br><b>was/wasn't</b>           | They are not | They <b>were</b><br><b>not/weren't</b> |

#### D. Make these positive sentences negative.

1. I **wasn't** at the zoo yesterday.
2. She **wasn't** excited about the picnic.
3. They **weren't** in the classroom this morning.
4. We **weren't** late for the movie.
5. He **wasn't** tired after school.

#### E. Fill in the blanks with wasn't or weren't.

1. I **wasn't** at school yesterday because I was sick.
2. They **weren't** in the park last weekend. It was raining.
3. It **wasn't** very sunny, so we stayed inside.
4. We **weren't** ready for the spelling test. We didn't pass.
5. My cat **wasn't** happy after the bath! He hates water.
6. You **weren't** in line when the teacher called you. She was looking for you.
7. He **wasn't** at the party, but his sister was.
8. The toys **weren't** in the box—they were on the floor

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#### Page 3

##### F. Put the sentences in order.

1. I was very tired yesterday.
2. We weren't at school today./Today, we weren't at school.
3. It was sunny this morning./ This morning, it was sunny.
4. My friends were not/weren't at the zoo.
5. The soup wasn't cold.
6. The dog was happy.
7. They were at the park yesterday./Yesterday, they were at the park.
8. He wasn't at home.

##### G. Complete the text with the correct word.

(+) **positive for was/were.** (-) **negative for wasn't/weren't**

Yesterday, our class **was** at the museum.

The museum **was** big and fun!

There **were** many dinosaur bones.

We **were not/weren't** scared, but we **were** excited.

My friend Sam **wasn't** at school last week, but today he **was** with us.

The T-Rex skeleton **was** really tall.

The baby dinosaurs **was** so cute!

It **wasn't** boring—we had so much fun.

Later, we saw a space movie. It **was** amazing!

I **was** happy because I love dinosaurs.