

Past simple of *to be*; *There was/There were*; Past simple of *can*; Past simple: affirmative, negative and questions

1 Choose the best answer (A or B).

- Jack on holiday in Mexico last week.
A was B were
- They at the cinema last night. They saw the new Bond film.
A were B was
- There a lot of people on the plane.
A wasn't B weren't
- There a souvenir shop next to our hotel.
A were B was
- Where you on Saturday?
A were B was
- When his exam?
A were B was

2 Complete the sentences with *could/couldn't* and the verbs given.

- When I was six I Italian, but I can now. (speak)
- My grandmother emails when she was young because there wasn't the Internet! (send)
- They lots of cheap souvenirs, including shortbread. (buy)
- Freddie his tickets online, so we can do the same. (reserve)
- We our passports, so we missed our flight. (find)

3 Put the words in order to make sentences. Put the verbs in the past simple affirmative.

- eat / we / some / food / delicious
.....
- they / catch / the beach / the train / to
.....
- in Australia / spent / I / three weeks / last year
.....
- want / she / temple / the ancient / to see
.....

4 Circle the correct alternative.

- We don't/didn't book a ticket yesterday because we were busy.
- My parents weren't/didn't happy when they lost their luggage.
- Elsie didn't went/go sightseeing because she was tired.
- I wasn't/didn't on the bus at 11 o'clock.
- Oliver didn't buy/bought a souvenir because they were too expensive.
- We weren't/didn't take a taxi because the underground was faster.

5 Find and correct the mistakes.

- Do you visit France a month ago?
.....
- She was in Greece last year?
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- Did Alex remembered to bring his passport?
.....
- Were there a tour guide at the castle?
.....
- We did go there three years ago?
.....
- Was they tired after the flight?
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6 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

be • fly • visit • buy • go • travel • can • arrive
take • try • eat • go • not take • speak • be

- A: (1) on holiday last year?
B: Yes, we did. We (2) to Moscow for a long weekend in September. We (3) early on Friday morning and it (4) a wonderful trip. We (5) to the city and then (6) by train and metro. We (7) taxis at all. The Moscow metro is very good and the stations are beautiful. We (8) a bus trip around the city. We (9) Red Square and the Kremlin. There (10) quite a lot of tourists! We (11) Russian food, which was delicious, and we (12) some souvenirs.
A: (13) any Russian?
B: We (14) to speak a few words of Russian, but lots of Russians spoke English well, so we (15) communicate easily.