

SIMPLE PAST

(Intermediate)

Complete the text. Use was / were / wasn't / weren't.



A thief stole an expensive car from a garage in Green Street last Sunday at 4:00. The Thompsons _____ at the cafe next to the garage. Paul Smith _____ across the street at the baker's.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, the thief _____ tall and thin. His hair _____ blond and curly. According to Paul Smith, the thief _____ young and handsome. His clothes _____ expensive.

The police are looking for the thief today. They're talking to John Wilson. He's a tall, thin young man with blond, curly hair.

Police: _____ you in Green Street last Sunday at 4:00?

John: No. I _____. I _____ at the cinema with my friend Tom.

Police: Are you sure?

John: Of course, I am.

Police: That's strange. Your friend Tom says he _____ at the cinema, but you _____ there.

John: I wasn't?

Police: No, you _____.

John: Oh, I forgot. Last Sunday at 4:00 I _____ with my friend Dave.

Police: Where _____ you and Dave?

John: We _____ here at the police station.

Police: Why _____ you at the police station?

John: We _____ here because at 3:00 last Sunday a thief stole Dave's car!

Now, answer the questions to the text.

a) Was the thief tall and thin?

Yes, he was.

b) Was his hair brown and straight?

c) Was the thief old and ugly?

d) Were his clothes expensive?

e) Was John at the cinema at 4:00 last Sunday?

f) Was he there with his friend Tom?

g) Who was he with?

h) Where were they?

i) Why?

Look at the calendar for last week and complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
library	Mandy				Kim
football training				Sam	Tom
dance lesson	Lucy	Mandy			
the doctor's		Tom		Lucy	
cinema			Sam and Kim		

- a) Mandy _____ in the library on Monday.
- b) On Thursday Lucy _____ on a dance lesson.
- c) Kim _____ in the library last week.
- d) Sam _____ on football training on Thursday.
- e) Tom _____ ill on Tuesday.
- f) Sam and Kim _____ in the cinema on Wednesday.
- g) Tom _____ ill on Friday, he _____ on football training.
- h) Sam _____ at the doctor's.
- i) Mandy _____ on a dance lesson on Tuesday.
- j) Lucy _____ at the doctor's on Friday.
- k) Tom and Sam _____ on football training last week.
- l) Lucy _____ in the library on Thursday.

Write the words in the correct order. Give the right form of TO BE: WAS / WERE.

1. tired / you / be

2. good / film / the ?

3. Child / the / not / in / park / the

4. hotel / manager / the / at ?

5. Bank / the / I / at / yesterday

6. Aunt / ill / my / last week

7. There / tourists / garden / the / in / many

Complete the following text with was / wasn't / were / weren't.



Her name _____ Florence Nightingale. She _____ born in 1820. In those days there _____ much medicine or conditions for patients in hospitals. Florence _____ determined to help people so she _____ a nurse. Her parents _____ very rich and they _____ happy with her decision because this job wasn't considered very good.

During the Crimean War, Florence _____ a nurse in Constantinople and she _____ responsible for 38 nurses. There _____ many horrible diseases and there _____ any clean water. Florence _____ responsible for cleaning and changing the conditions. She _____ called "The Lady of the Lamp" because she visited the soldiers at night with her lamp.