

SIMPLE PAST

(Intermediate – Answer Key)

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 **were** at the cafe next to the garage. Paul Smith **was** across the street at the baker's.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, the thief **was** tall and thin. His hair **was** blond and curly. According to Paul Smith, the thief **was** young and handsome. His clothes **were** 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: **Were** you in Green Street last Sunday at 4:00?

John: No. I **wasn't**. I **was** 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 **was** at the cinema, but you **weren't** there.

John: I wasn't?

Police: No, you **weren't**.

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

Police: Where **were** you and Dave?

John: We **were** here at the police station.

Police: Why **were** you at the police station?

John: We **were** 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?
No, it wasn't.
- c) Was the thief old and ugly?
No, he wasn't.
- d) Were his clothes expensive?
Yes, they were.
- e) Was John at the cinema at 4:00 last Sunday?
No, he wasn't.
- f) Was he there with his friend Tom?
No, he wasn't.
- g) Who was he with?
He was with Dave.
- h) Where were they?
They were at the police station.
- i) Why?
The thief stole Dave's car.

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 **was** in the library on Monday.
- b) On Thursday Lucy **wasn't** on a dance lesson.
- c) Kim **was** in the library last week.
- d) Sam **was** on football training on Thursday.
- e) Tom **was** ill on Tuesday.
- f) Sam and Kim **were** in the cinema on Wednesday.
- g) Tom **wasn't** ill on Friday, he **was** on football training.
- h) Sam **wasn't** at the doctor's.
- i) Mandy **was** on a dance lesson on Tuesday.
- j) Lucy **wasn't** at the doctor's on Friday.
- k) Tom and Sam **were** on football training last week.
- l) Lucy **wasn't** 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

You were tired.

2. good / film / the ?

Was the film good?

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

The child was not in the park.

4. hotel / manager / the / at ?

Was the manager at the hotel?

5. Bank / the / I / at / yesterday

I was at the bank yesterday.

6. Aunt / ill / my / last week

My aunt was ill last week.

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

There were many tourists in the garden.

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

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

During the Crimean War, Florence **was** a nurse in Constantinople and she **was** responsible for 38 nurses.

There **were** many horrible diseases and there **wasn't** any clean water. Florence **was** responsible for cleaning and changing the conditions.

She **was** called "The Lady of the Lamp" because she visited the soldiers at night with her lamp.

