



Was, Were

Introduction

"Was" and "Were" are the past tense forms of is, am, and are. They are used to describe something that has already happened.

Usage Rules

- Use was when the subject is:
 - I, he, she, it, or a single name.
- Singular noun or pronoun:

Examples:

- I was happy yesterday.
- Sachin was at the park.
- She was angry.

Use were when the subject is:

- Plural noun or pronoun:
- we, you, they, or more than one name.

Examples:

- We were in the class.
- Rohit and Rahul were at the party.
- They were at the zoo.

i. Grammar Byte:

Tick the correct verb in the brackets:

1. They (was / were) in the museum last evening.
2. Rohit and Rahul (was / were) at the party last Sunday.
3. We (was / were) in the same class last year.
4. The weather (was / were) fine this morning.
5. Rubi (was / were) angry yesterday.
6. They (was / were) in the zoo last Sunday.
7. He (was / were) with me yesterday.
8. The bag (was / were) not there yesterday.



ii. Spot the Error

- "you was" is incorrect
- Correct form: you were

Continuous Form with was/were + -ing

Used to show action that was happening in the past.

Examples:

- He was flying a kite yesterday.
- They were eating ice cream.
- We were playing football.

iii. Fill in the blanks (with was/were + -ing verb form):

1. He _____ (play) then. → was playing
2. I _____ (eat) my breakfast. → was eating
3. Megha _____ (do) her homework. → was doing
4. Rahul and Prateek _____ (run) in the meadow. → were running
5. Priya _____ (jump) on the bed. → was jumping
6. We _____ (work) hard. → were working
7. They _____ (have) their dinner. → were having
8. Prabhat _____ (watch) TV. → was watching

iv. Points to Remember

- Use was and were for actions that happened in the past.
 - Use was with singular nouns or pronouns.
 - Use were with you or plural nouns/pronouns.
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