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VERB TO BE
«PAST»

Before start!

01

In past verb to be we find two important auxiliaries, which are "Was" and "Were".

02

We will use them to refer to situations that started and ended in the past.

03

The auxiliaries "was" and "were" can have 4 meanings. It is very important to know these meanings before analyzing the structure.

04

The 4 meanings depend on the context of the sentence or conversation.

WAS

- **Primer significado:** se relaciona con el verbo **ESTAR** y funciona para todos los pronombres personales.
- **Segundo significado:** se relaciona con el verbo **SER** y funciona para todos lo pronombres personales.

She was here yesterday (ella estuvo / estaba aquí ayer)

- En este caso “was” puede significar “estuvo” o “estaba”.

WERE

- **Primer significado:** se relaciona con el verbo **ESTAR** y funciona para todos los pronombres personales.
- **Segundo significado:** se relaciona con el verbo **SER** y funciona para todos lo pronombres personales.

They were happy in their childhood (ellos eran / fueron felices en su niñez)

- En este caso “were” puede significar “eran” o “fueron”

Affirmative

- I was happy.
- He was happy.
- She was happy: Ella era / estaba feliz.
- It was happy.
- You were happy.
- We were happy.
- They were happy.

STRUCTURE

Recuerda que las estructuras se relacionan con los significados explicados anteriormente.

Negative

- I was not here.
- He was not here.
- She was not here.
- It was not here.
- You were not here.
- We were not here: no
estábamos / estuvimos aquí
- They were not here.

STRUCTURE

Existen dos opciones para formar el negativo:

1. Sin contracción (**Was not / Were not**)
2. Con contracción (**Wasn't / Weren't**)

Interrogative

- Was I sad?
- Was he sad?: ¿Era / estaba triste?
- Was she sad?
- Was it sad?
- Were you sad?
- Were we sad?
- Were they sad?

STRUCTURE

Posibles respuestas:

1. **Yes, she was / No, she wasn't**
2. **Yes, we were / No, we weren't**

I. **Complete the sentences using *was/wasn't* or *were/weren't*.**

1.-Michael Jackson (1) ____was____ a very popular artist. He (2) _____ born in 1958.

2. - Last Saturday Carlos and Irma (3) _____ home. They (4) _____ in the country all weekend.

3. - I (5) _____ worried because they (6) _____ lost.

4. – (7) _____ Valentin and Isabel at the party? No, they (8) _____

5. - For most people Pelé (9) _____ one of the best soccer players in the world.

6.-What (10) _____ your favorite subject in high school? It (11) _____ math.