

Lesson 17: -A postcard
- Simple past “ to be “

You are going to learn

- 1- The simple past tense (with the verb to be)**
- 2- Exercises**
- 3- Remember**
- 4- Solutions**

The simple past tense (with the verb to be)

1-We use the simple past tense for an action which happened in the past (yesterday,last week, last year)

eg : He **was** at school yesterday

2- The simple past tense of the verb to be is : **was** or **were**

- we use **was** with the pronouns : I , he , she , it

- we use **were** with the pronouns : we , you , they

eg : - It **was** hot yesterday

- They **were** in London last week

3- There is no auxiliary (did / didn't) in the interrogative and negative with the verb to be

eg : - **Was** she at work yesterday ?

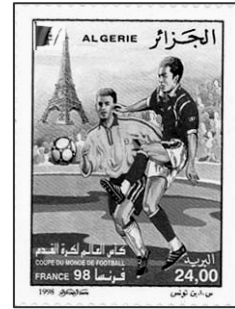
- No , she **was not** .

Affirmative	Négative	Interrogative
I was	I was not	Was I ?
He was	He was not	Was he ?
She was	She was not	Was she ?
It was	It was not	Was it ?
We were	We were not	Were we ?
You were	You were not	Were you ?
They were	They were not	Were they

Dear parents,
Some news from Algeria where it is nice to live .
Yesterday, we were at Ryad El Feth , a commercial center up Algiers . It was built by the Canadians .I was with Amine , Betsy and Chang .The shops were not open but the center was crowded because there was a concert on the spot ,it was Andalousian songs and music .We were there from 9 p.m to 12 p.m. The weather was warm and there were plenty of stars in the sky. That was fantastic ! Mary was not with us, what a pity !

Love

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Exercises

Exercise 01

Read the text and answer the questions.

اقرأ النص و اجب عن الأسئلة

1- Who is writing a postcard ?

.....

1- Where was he yesterday ?

.....

2- Were Betsy and Sarah with him ?

.....

3- Was there a film at Ryad El Feth ?

.....

4- How long were they at Ryad El Feth ?

.....

5- What was the weather like ?

.....

6- What about the sky ?

.....

Exercise 02

Read the text and write True or False

ضع صحيح أو خطأ

1- Pierre was in Tipaza yesterday

.....

2- Amine , Betsy and Chang were with him .

.....

3- There was a Rai concert at Ryad El Feth .

.....

4- There were not many people there .

.....

5- It was cold and raining .

.....

Exercise 03

Look at this example then do the same .

اكتب جملا كالمثال :

eg : Yesterday Pierre was in Algiers .

- **Was** he in Tipaza ?

- No , **he was not** .

1- Last week , Amine and Sarah were at the cinema .

..... at the theatre ?

- No,

2- Last year , Chang was in China

.....in Paris?

- No ,

3- Last month, Betsy was at her parents ' .

..... at her friends ?

- No ,

4- Last Tuesday , we were at school .

.....on holiday ?

- No ,

Exercise 04

Put in:

when / where / why / who where necessary .

املأ الفراغ بـ **when/ where/ why / who**

1-were you last week ?

- I was at home

2-Omar at the doctor's yesterday ?

- Because he was sick

3- were the settlers at R.E.F ?

- Yesterday

4-was the concert ?

- Yesterday

Exercise 05

Write questions on the underlined words

اكتب الأسئلة المناسبة حول الكلمات الكسطة عليها

1-

I was in Paris last year .

2-

My parents were happy yesterday .

3-

Assia was sad because she went back the day before yesterday .

4-

You were at home last week .

5-

Amine was nice with the settlers .

Exercise 06

Put in : was or were

املأ الفراغ بـ

Yesterday , Iat my friend's house for dinner . His sister Amel and his brother Kamelin bed .It8.30 . His fatherin the living room .There.....a documentary on T.V, and his motherin the kitchen , The radioon. Wewith her because therea concert on live .of EltonJohn, It..... cool !!!!

REMEMBER

Simple past tense of the verb to be

Affirmative :

I , he , she , it , **was**
We , you , they , **were**

Negative :

I , he , she , it , **was not**
We , you , the , **were not**

Interrogative :

Was I , he , she , it..... ?
Were we , you , they ?

Solution

Exercise 01

- 1- Pierre is
- 2- He was at Makam El Chahid
- 3- Yes, they were
- 4- No, there was a concert
- 5- They were there from 9 p.m to 12.p.m
- 6- It was warm
- 7- The sky was plenty of stars

Exercise 02

- 1- FALSE
- 2- TRUE
- 3- FALSE
- 4- FALSE
- 5- FALSE

Exercise 03

- 1- Were they at the theatre ?
 - No, they were not
- 2- Was he in Paris last year ?
 - No, he was not
- 3- Was she at her friend's last month ?
 - No, she was not
- 4- Were we on holidays ?
 - No , we were not

Exercise 04

- 1- Where
- 2- Why
- 3-When
- 4- When
- 5-Who

Exercise 05

- 1- When were you in Paris ?
- 2- Who was happy yesterday ?
- 3- Why was she sad the day before yesterday ?
- 4-Where were you last week ?
- 5- Who was nice with the settlers ?

Exercise 06

- 1- Was
- 2- Were
- 3- Was
- 4- Was
- 5- Was
- 6- Was
- 7- Were
- 8- Was
- 9- Was