

*Past simple*  
*Verb Exercise*



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**Use the past simple to answer the questions -**  
**(was / were) (positive, negative and questions)**

1. (he / be / German)

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2. (we / not / be / hot)

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3. (he / be / a swimmer?)

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4. (where / be / Edward?)

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5. (They / be / French)

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6. (he / not / be / a scientist)

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7. (we / not / be / soccer players)

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8. (you / be / a nurse?)

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9. (they / be / from Libya)

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10. (where / be / Michelle?)

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11. (how / be / your mother last week?)

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12. (we / be / thirsty this afternoon. It was hot)

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13. (how long / he / be / in the pool for?)

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14. (how often / be / you in London last month?)

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15. (he / be / good looking when he was younger)

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16. (I / not / be / happy this morning)

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17. (you / not / be / a doctor during the 1970s.)

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18. (she / not / be / Dutch)

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19. (he / be / my friend, but we had a fight.)

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20. (you/be/ there last night.)

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Answers:

- 1) He was German.
- 2) We weren't hot.
- 3) Was he a swimmer?
- 4) Where was Edward?
- 5) They were French.
- 6) He was not a scientist.
- 7) We were not soccer players.
- 8) Were you a nurse?
- 9) They were from Libya.
- 10) Where was Michelle?
- 11) How was your mother last week?
- 12) We were thirsty this afternoon. It was hot.
- 13) How long was he in the pool for?
- 14) How long were you in London for last month?
- 15) He was good looking when he was younger.
- 16) I was not happy this morning.
- 17) You were not a doctor during the 1970s.
- 18) She was not Dutch.
- 19) He was my friend, but we had a fright.
- 20) You were there last night.