



BASIC ENGLISH IV.



TO BE - past tense - was/were

I was at school.
You were in the garden.

He } lucky.
She } was nice.
it } it.

We } at the playground.
You } were last.
They } at the zoo.

Long form

I was not
You were not

He } was not
She }
it } it.

We }
You } were not
They }

Short form

I wasn't at home.
You weren't there.

He } old.
She } wasn't happy.
it } far.

We } sad.
You } weren't thirsty.
They } with us.

Questions

Was I there?
Were you hungry?
Was he a student?
Was she young?
Was it empty?

Were we the first?
Were you late?
Were they angry?



Were the children at school yesterday?
No, they weren't.
Where were they? They were at the zoo.



Was Lucy there too? No, she wasn't.
Where was she? She was at home, she was ill.
She was with her dog.

PAST TENSE SIMPLE.

What did you do? (yesterday, a year ago, sometimes)

I }
You } worked.
He }
She }
it }

I }
You } did not work.
He } (didn't)
She }
it }



Questions

Did }
you } work?
he }
she }
it }

John's diary (last week)

Mo	Help Sue with English	✓
Tue	mend the bike	✗
Wed	see the grandma	✓
Thu	finish the project	✗
Fri	buy new CDs	✓
Sat	go swimming	✓
Sun	have a barbecue	✓



We }
You } worked.
They }

We }
You } did not work.
They } (didn't)

Did }
we } work?
you }
they }

Did John buy new CDs on Monday?
Did he mend his bike? Did he finish his project?
What did he do on Friday?
Did he study on Sunday?

PAST TENSE CONTINUOUS.

What were you doing? (at that moment, at that time)

I was }
You were } sitting.
He was }
She was }
It was }

I wasn't }
You weren't } sitting.
He wasn't }
She wasn't }
It wasn't }



Questions

Was I }
Were you } sitting?
Was he }
Was she }
Was it }

In the classroom.

What were the children doing



We }
You } were sitting.
They }

We }
You } weren't sitting.
They }

Were we }
Were you } sitting?
Were they }

When the teacher came in the classroom?
What was Kate doing? Was Jane doing her homework?
Were any girls playing cards? Were any boys kicking a ball?

When to use?



What were you doing when you cut your finger?
I was slicing some bread.
What did you do when you cut your finger?
I put a plaster on it.



What were you doing yesterday
at 10 a.m.? I was cooking lunch.
at 3 p.m.? I was walking my dog.
at 7 p.m.? I was watching TV.