

Past simple of "to be": was and were

were וְ "to be": was של past simple
were וְ "to be": was ל past simple

Summary: was and were (the past of to be)

סיכום: was וְ (העבר של to be)
מלֻחֵס: was וְ were (המאזי מן to be)

Now and in the past

עכשיו ובעבר
הָאָן וּפִי הַמָּאזִי

Subject	Present	Past
I	am	was
he / she / it	is	was
you / we / they	are	were

Negatives and questions

שלילה ושאלות
הַנְפִי וְהַשְׁאֵלָה

1. wasn't = was not; weren't = were not

צורות מקוצרות: wasn't = was not; weren't = were not
הַסִּיג הַמְקוּצָר: wasn't = was not; weren't = were not

2. Was / Were + subject ...?

Was / Were + נושא ...?
Was / Were + הַפֶּעֶל ...?

3. Short answers: Yes, he was. No, we weren't.

תשובות קצרות: Yes, he was. No, we weren't.
תְּשׁוּבוֹת קְצוּרוֹת: Yes, he was. No, we weren't.

Example:

דוגמה:
מִתָּל:

Was it hot? No, it wasn't.

Wh-questions

שאלות Wh
שְׁאֵלָה Wh

1. Where were you?

2. Who was at the party?

3. How was your day?

Time words

מילות זמן
כִּלְמַת הַזְמַן

yesterday · last night · last week · last year · two days ago · in 2020

Picture words · מילים בתמונות · כִּלְמַת בַּלְטוֹר



Remember! Today: I am, he is, we are. Yesterday: I was, he was, we were.

היום: I am, he is, we are. אתמול: I was, he was, we were.

اليوم: I am, he is, we are. أمس: I was, he was, we were.

 **Worked example:** Make it past: The children are in the garden. ____

1. The children = they.
2. are becomes were in the past.

Answer: The children were in the garden.

 **Check yourself – Complete with was, were, wasn't or weren't.**

השלימו ב-was, were, wasn't או weren't.
أكمل ب-was أو were أو wasn't أو weren't.

- a. Tamar _____ at school yesterday. She was sick.
- b. We _____ very happy at the party.
- c. It _____ hot last week. It was cold.
- d. _____ your parents at home last night?

Self-check answers: a. wasn't · b. were · c. wasn't · d. Were