

English Grammar Practice Test **with key**

The Verb *To Be* (Was/Were)

Level A1-A2

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Introduction and Imprint

The test comes in **two variants**, each of which is provided **with key** and a **point-based marking scheme**. The content corresponds to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the CEFR.

The test is meant for **English as a foreign language** learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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Variant 1

1. Write *was* / *were* where necessary.

- 1. I _____
- 2. she _____
- 3. you _____
- 4. we _____
- 5. there _____
- 6. he _____
- 7. they _____
- 8. she _____
- 9. it _____
- 10. she _____

Mark: ___ / 10

2. Complete the sentences with *was* / *were* or their negative forms where necessary.

- 1. Nick _____ at work last night. He wanted complete his tasks.
- 2. Dan and Cara _____ in bed at 10 o'clock yesterday. They needed to take a rest.
- 3. Last year Linda _____ 18, now she is 19 years old.
- 4. Why _____ they in hospital last week?
- 5. There _____ two small lakes in the middle of the forest.
- 6. The house was beautiful, but it _____ clean.
- 7. She _____ a complicated grammar to answer. I couldn't say anything.
- 8. Leo _____ at the supermarket. She had to do the shopping. She parents _____ at home. They had to clean the house.
- 9. My brother and I _____ good singers. Everyone _____ happy to hear our songs.
- 10. He's a good teacher, because he _____ at the party last night.

Mark: ___ / 12

3. Choose the correct item.

1. Those **wasn't / weren't** my slippers. They belonged to Tom.
2. How tall **was / were** your younger sister last year?
3. I **was / were** late for classes on Monday.
4. **Was / Were** Alex and Ruth from Vancouver?
5. Ronnie **was / were** excited. All of us were going to the theme park.

6. We were 'meant' to meet at 10.00 yesterday. So I don't feel bad today.
7. 'Addressed' and 'I was' were intended to justify the bill.
8. The singer 'wasn't' / 'were' aggressive. I didn't think so.
9. 'You and your uncle was' / 'were' kind of 'faded' back in the day. But now you like working 'hard'.
10. 'There was' / 'were' a number of reasons 'being' around in the house.

Mark: ___ / 10

4. Complete the questions and negative sentences using **was / were** or their short forms where possible.

1. _____ I at his funeral yesterday? I don't remember anything.
2. What _____ your favourite food when you were young?
3. You and your friend _____ at the cinema last Friday.
4. _____ it very cold that morning?
5. We _____ angry with John.

6. How do _____ today and today when the movie started?
7. He _____ in the USA three years ago.
8. There _____ any good places in the houses that weekend.
9. _____ 'Addressed' in your place when the person phoned you?
10. _____ 'Lobby' and 'I showed' her 'around' the house?

Mark: ___ / 10

5. Complete the sentences with **was / were** or their short forms. Write negative forms where necessary.

Alfred: How 1) _____ the conference yesterday?
 Cindy: It 2) _____ very good. Actually it 3) _____ terrible.
 Alfred: Why 4) _____ it terrible?
 Cindy: The beginning 5) _____ promising. I liked the introduction. But later the information that the speaker presented 6) _____ fresh. There 7) _____ a lot of confused ideas and unclear

examples. We 8) _____ called and had no time to discuss ideas with our colleagues during the group work. After the event organizers 9) _____ 'meant'. The host 10) _____ 'was' 'there' and I 11) _____ 'being' and, at some point, couldn't focus on the long presentation. The other attendees 12) _____ 'happy' too.
 Alfred: I'm sorry to hear it. You definitely need to report it to the conference organizers.

Mark: ___ / 12

Total: ___ / 54

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Variant 1. Key

1.

1. **was** (*First-person singular*)
2. **was** (*Third-person singular*)
3. **were** (*Second-person singular or plural*)
4. **were** (*First-person plural*)
5. **was / were** (*Third-person singular or plural*)

6. **was** (*Third-person singular*)
7. **was** (*Third-person plural*)
8. **was** (*Third-person plural*)
9. **was** (*Third-person singular*)
10. **was** (*Third-person singular*)

2.

1. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
2. **were** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)
3. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
4. **were** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)
5. **were / weren't** (*Third-person plural affirmative or negative*)

6. **wasn't / weren't** (*Third-person singular negative*)
7. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
8. **was, was** (*Third-person singular affirmative, Third-person plural affirmative*)
9. **was, was** (*Third-person plural affirmative, Third-person singular affirmative*)
10. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)

3.

1. **weren't** (*Third-person plural negative*)
2. **was** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
3. **was** (*First-person singular*)
4. **Were** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)
5. **was** (*Third-person singular*)

6. **wasn't** (*Third-person plural negative*)
7. **was** (*Third-person plural*)

8. **wasn't** (*Third-person singular negative*)
9. **was** (*Second-person plural*)
10. **was** (*Third-person plural*)

4.

1. **Was** (*First-person singular interrogative*)
2. **was** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
3. **were not / weren't** (*Second-person plural negative*)
4. **Was** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
5. **were not / weren't** (*First-person plural negative*)

6. **was** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)
7. **was not / wasn't** (*Third-person singular negative*)
8. **was not / wasn't** (*Third-person plural negative*)
9. **Was** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
10. **Was** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)

5.

1. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
2. **was not / wasn't** (*Third-person singular negative*)
3. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
4. **was** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
5. **was** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
6. **was not / wasn't** (*Third-person singular negative*)

7. **was** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)
8. **was** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)
9. **was not / wasn't** (*Third-person singular negative*)
10. **was** (*Third-person singular negative*)
11. **was** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)
12. **was not / wasn't** (*Third-person plural negative*)