



Basic

## English Grammar Practice Tests **with key**

### The Verb *To Be* (Was/Were)

Level A1-A2

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#### Introduction and Imprint

This is a complete set of English grammar practice tests. It contains **Test 1 & 2 with key**. The tests correspond to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the CEFR.

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

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Test 1

1. Write *was / were* where necessary.

- 1. I \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. she \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. you \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. we \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. there \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. He \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. She \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. They \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. It \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. We \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful, but it \_\_\_\_\_ small.
- 7. She \_\_\_\_\_ a complicated question to answer. I couldn't see anything.
- 8. I \_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket. She had to do the shopping. She carried \_\_\_\_\_ of them. They had to cross the street.
- 9. My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ great singers. I once \_\_\_\_\_ him to sing the song.
- 10. He \_\_\_\_\_ to 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. The boys **weren't / wasn't** happy at their presentation. So I don't think they really **was / were** prepared to present.
7. Anthony and I **was / were** interested in joining the club.
8. The judge **wasn't / weren't** very aggressive. I didn't speak against.
9. You and your partner **was / were** kind of embarrassed back in the day. But now you like watching football.
10. There **was / were** a number of tourists hanging around on the beach.

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. What the \_\_\_\_\_ (be) and (be) when the movie started?
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the USA when you left.
8. There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) good places in the theatre last weekend.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in your class when the speaker presented you?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) and I (be) in the room for the night?

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 outdated charts and tables.

Example: The film \_\_\_\_\_ (be) and (be) when the movie started?  
 Cindy: It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very good. Actually it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) terrible.  
 Alfred: Why \_\_\_\_\_ (be) it terrible?  
 Cindy: The beginning \_\_\_\_\_ (be) promising. I liked the introduction. But later the information that the speaker presented \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fresh. There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a lot of outdated charts and tables.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 12

Total: \_\_\_ / 54

The Verb To Be (Was / Were)

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