



Basic

English Grammar Practice Tests **with key**

Use of 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.

- I _____
- she _____
- you _____
- we _____
- there _____

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Mark: ___ / 10

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

- Nick _____ at work last night. He wanted complete his tasks.
- Dan and Cara _____ in bed at 10 o'clock yesterday. They needed to take a rest.
- Last year Linda _____ 18, now she is 19 years old.
- Why _____ they in hospital last week?
- There _____ two small lakes in the middle of the forest.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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.

1. The speaker is talking about a past event. Use the past tense.
2. The speaker is talking about a past event. Use the past tense.
3. The speaker is talking about a past event. Use the past tense.
4. The speaker is talking about a past event. Use the past tense.
5. The speaker is talking about a past event. Use the past tense.

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.

1. Was
2. Was
3. Were
4. Was
5. Were

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. Then 7) _____ a lot of excellent ideas and solutions.

Mark: ___ / 12

Total: ___ / 54

Use of 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*)

2.

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

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*)