

**Past to be, There was / There were**

**A Fill in the blanks with *was* or *were*.**

- 1 Yesterday it .....<sup>was</sup>..... rainy and cool.
- 2 ..... the concert good last Sunday?
- 3 My father and I ..... at the stadium for the big game two weeks ago.
- 4 The children ..... not at their grandparents last weekend.
- 5 The weather ..... hot and I ..... thirsty.
- 6 ..... you at the shops yesterday?

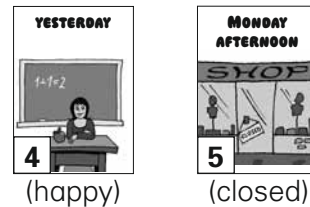
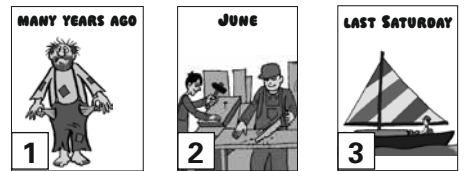
**B Look at the picture and complete the sentences with *There was, There were, There wasn't* or *There weren't*.**



- 1 ...*There weren't*... any people in the bedroom.
- 2 ..... a TV in the bedroom.
- 3 ..... a mouse on the chair.
- 4 ..... any pens in the boy's hand.
- 5 ..... a computer on the desk.
- 6 ..... some apples in the tree.
- 7 ..... two beds in the bedroom.
- 8 ..... a tiger on the bed.

**C Ask questions using *Was* or *Were*. Then answer the questions according to the pictures.**

- 1 the man / rich / many years ago  
*Was the man rich many years ago?*  
.....  
*No, he wasn't. He was poor.*  
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- 2 the men / on holiday / in June  
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- 3 Dan / on a boat / last Saturday  
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- 4 the teacher / angry / yesterday  
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- 5 the shops / closed / on Monday afternoon  
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**D Fill in the blanks with *There was, There were, Was there* or *Were there*.**

- 1 *Were there*..... any famous actors in the play?
- 2 ..... a wonderful film on TV on Monday night.
- 3 ..... astronauts on the moon in 1969.
- 4 ..... steak for lunch.
- 5 ..... any sugar in the bowl?
- 6 ..... a nature programme on TV last night?

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- A**
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| 1 | was  | 4 | were     |
| 2 | Was  | 5 | was, was |
| 3 | were | 6 | Were     |
- B**
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|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | There weren't | 5 | There was     |
| 2 | There was     | 6 | There were    |
| 3 | There wasn't  | 7 | There weren't |
| 4 | There weren't | 8 | There wasn't  |
- C**
- 1 Was the man rich many years ago?  
No, he wasn't. He was poor.
  - 2 Were the men on holiday in June?  
No, they weren't. They were at work.
  - 3 Was Dan on a boat last Saturday?  
Yes, he was.
  - 4 Was the teacher angry yesterday?  
No, she wasn't. She was happy.
  - 5 Were the shops closed on Monday afternoon?  
Yes, they were.
- D**
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| 1 | Were there | 4 | There was |
| 2 | There was  | 5 | Was there |
| 3 | There were | 6 | Was there |