



Answers

1. b) was
2. d) was
3. c) were
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5. a) were
6. c) was
7. d) were
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9. b) was
10. c) were
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13. b) were
14. c) was
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16. d) were
17. c) were
18. d) was
19. b) was
20. a) were



Explanations

1. “was” (b)

'A party' is singular, so we use 'was'. There was a big party at Tom's house last night.

2. “was” (d)

'A film' is singular, so we use 'was'. There was a good film on TV last night.

3. “were” (c)

'Many students' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were many students in the classroom yesterday.

4. “was” (b)

'Milk' is uncountable, so we use 'was'. 'No milk' makes this negative. There was no milk in the fridge yesterday.

5. “were” (a)

'Three cats' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were three cats in the garden yesterday morning.

6. “was” (c)

'A noise' is singular, so we use 'was'. There was a loud noise outside at midnight.

7. “were” (d)

'Flowers' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were some beautiful flowers in the park last spring.

8. “were” (d)

'Chairs' is plural, so we use 'were'. 'No chairs' makes this negative. There were no chairs in the room when we arrived.

9. “was” (b)

'Electricity' is uncountable, so we use 'was'. There was no electricity in the village fifty years ago.

10. “were” (c)

'People' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were lots of people at the concert last Saturday.

11. “was” (a)

'A letter' is singular, so we use 'was'. There was a letter for you on the table yesterday morning.

12. “were” (a)

'Two mistakes' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were two mistakes in my homework last week.

13. “were” (b)

'Buses' is plural, so we use 'were'. 'No buses' makes this negative. There were no buses after 10 p.m. yesterday.

14. “was” (c)

'A spider' is singular, so we use 'was'. There was a spider on the wall last night.

15. “was” (a)

'Traffic' is uncountable, so we use 'was' even with 'a lot of'. There was a lot of traffic on the road yesterday morning.

16. “were” (d)

'Books' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were some interesting books at the book fair last weekend.

17. “were” (c)

'Five children' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were five children playing in the playground when I walked past.

18. “was” (d)

'Water' is uncountable, so we use 'was'. There was no water in the swimming pool last summer.

19. “was” (b)

'An accident' is singular, so we use 'was'. There was an accident on the highway yesterday.

20. “were” (a)

'Clouds' is plural, so we use 'were'. 'No clouds' makes this negative. There were no clouds in the sky that day.