

12. The shops ____ open last Sunday.
a) isn't
b) weren't
c) aren't
d) wasn't
13. She ____ at work yesterday. She was ill.
a) aren't
b) isn't
c) wasn't
d) weren't
14. We ____ ready for the test, so we failed.
a) wasn't
b) isn't
c) weren't
d) aren't
15. The movie ____ very interesting. It was boring.
a) isn't
b) weren't
c) aren't
d) wasn't
16. ____ you at the party last night?
a) Were
b) Are
c) Is
d) Was
17. ____ she happy with her birthday present?
a) Are
b) Was
c) Were
d) Is
18. Where ____ they last weekend?
a) were
b) was
c) is
d) are
19. Why ____ he angry with you?
a) were
b) was
c) is
d) are
20. How old ____ your grandmother when she got married?
a) are
b) were
c) is
d) was



Answers

1. a) was
2. d) was
3. a) were
4. d) was
5. b) were
6. c) were
7. d) was
8. c) were
9. c) were
10. a) was
11. b) was
12. b) weren't
13. c) wasn't
14. c) weren't
15. d) wasn't
16. a) Were
17. b) Was
18. a) were
19. b) was
20. d) was



Explanations

1. “was” (a)

Use 'was' with the subject 'I'.

2. “was” (d)

Use 'was' with he/she/it.

3. “were” (a)

Use 'were' with they/we/you.

4. “was” (d)

Use 'was' because 'the weather' is singular (= it).

5. “were” (b)

Use 'were' with 'we'.

6. “were” (c)

Use 'were' because 'my parents' is plural (= they). Note: 'was/were born' is a common expression.

7. “was” (d)

Use 'was' with 'it'.

8. “were” (c)

Use 'were' with 'you' (both singular and plural).

9. “were” (c)

Use 'were' because 'the children' is plural (= they).

10. “was” (a)

Use 'was' with 'he'.

11. “was” (b)

Use 'was not' (wasn't) with 'I'. The negative is formed with was/were + not.

12. “weren't” (b)

Use 'weren't' because 'the shops' is plural. 'Last Sunday' indicates past time.

13. “wasn't” (c)

Use 'wasn't' for negative sentences with she/he/it.

14. “weren't” (c)

Use 'weren't' for negative sentences with we/you/they.

15. “wasn't” (d)

Use 'wasn't' because 'the movie' is singular.

16. “Were” (a)

In questions, put was/were before the subject. Use 'Were' with 'you'.

17. “Was” (b)

Use 'Was' with she/he/it in questions.

18. “were” (a)

Use 'were' with 'they'. In wh-questions: Wh-word + was/were + subject.

19. “was” (b)

Use 'was' with 'he' in questions.

20. “was” (d)

Use 'was' because 'your grandmother' is singular.