



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “was” (a)

Use 'was' with 'I' in the past. I was at home yesterday. (Past forms: I/he/she/it was, you/we/they were.)

2. “were” (b)

Use 'were' with plural subjects (they, we, you). They were very happy about the news.

3. “was” (c)

Use 'was' with 'she'. The expression 'was born' is always in the past tense. She was born in Paris.

4. “were” (d)

'The students' is plural (= they), so we use 'were'. The students were in the library.

5. “was” (a)

Use 'was' with singular subjects (he, she, it). He was a famous actor.

6. “were” (b)

Use 'were' with 'we'. We were on holiday last week.

7. “was” (c)

'The weather' is singular (= it), so we use 'was'. The weather was very cold.

8. “were” (d)

'My grandparents' is plural (= they), so we use 'were'. My grandparents were born in a small village.

9. “was” (a)

Use 'was' with 'I' in negative past sentences. I was not ready. (Contraction: I wasn't ready.)

10. “were” (b)

'The questions' is plural, so we use 'were not' (= weren't). The questions were not difficult.

11. “was” (c)

Use 'was' with 'she' in negative past sentences. She was not at the party. (Contraction: She wasn't at the party.)

12. “were” (d)

Use 'were' with 'we' in negative past sentences. We were not late. (Contraction: We weren't late.)

13. “wasn't” (a)

Use 'wasn't' (= was not) with singular subjects. 'The film' is singular. The context 'I fell asleep' tells us the film was not interesting.

14. “weren't” (b)

Use 'weren't' (= were not) with plural subjects. 'The trains' is plural. The trains weren't on time.

15. “wasn't” (c)

Use 'wasn't' (= was not) with singular subjects (he, she, it). He wasn't at school.

16. “weren't” (d)

Use 'weren't' (= were not) with 'you'. You weren't very nice to her.

17. “was” (a)

'The hotel' is singular, so we use 'was'. The hotel was near the beach.

18. “were” (b)

'My keys' is plural (= they), so we use 'were'. My keys were in my pocket.

19. “was” (c)

Use 'was' with 'it'. It was very hot last summer.

20. “were” (d)

'Many people' is plural, so we use 'were'. There were many people at the concert.