

12. " ___ was at the door just now?"
a) What
b) Where
c) How
d) Who
13. " ___ he at work yesterday?" "No, he wasn't."
a) Was
b) Were
c) Is
d) Are
14. " ___ were you late this morning?"
a) How
b) Why
c) Where
d) Who
15. "Was your grandfather a soldier?" "Yes, he ____."
a) were
b) is
c) was
d) are
16. "Were the shops open?" "No, they ____."
a) wasn't
b) isn't
c) aren't
d) weren't
17. " ___ your best friend in the same school as you?"
a) Was
b) Were
c) Is
d) Are
18. " ___ was your favourite subject at school?"
a) How
b) What
c) Where
d) Who
19. "Was the restaurant busy?" "Yes, it ____."
a) were
b) is
c) was
d) are
20. " ___ were those people in the photo?"
a) What
b) Where
c) How
d) Who



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “Were” (a)

Use 'Were' with 'you' in past questions. Were you at the party last night?

2. “Was” (b)

'The film' is singular, so use 'Was'. Was the film good?

3. “was” (c)

In short answers with 'she', use 'was'. Yes, she was. (Do not contract: *Yes, she's is incorrect in short answers.)

4. “weren't” (d)

In negative short answers with 'they', use 'weren't'. No, they weren't.

5. “What” (a)

Use 'What was ... like?' to ask for a description. What was the weather like yesterday? Note: 'How was the weather like?' is incorrect.

6. “Where” (b)

Use 'Where' to ask about a place. Where were you born? — I was born in London.

7. “wasn't” (c)

In negative short answers with 'it', use 'wasn't'. No, it wasn't.

8. “How” (d)

Use 'How' to ask about someone's experience. How was your holiday? — It was wonderful!

9. “Were” (a)

'The children' is plural, so use 'Were' in questions. Were the children tired?

10. “How” (b)

Use 'How' to ask about an experience or quality. How was your weekend? The reply 'It was great' confirms we are asking about quality.

11. “were” (c)

In short answers with 'they', use 'were'. Yes, they were.

12. “Who” (d)

Use 'Who' to ask about a person. Who was at the door?

13. “Was” (a)

Use 'Was' with singular subjects (he, she, it) in past questions. Was he at work yesterday?

14. “Why” (b)

Use 'Why' to ask about the reason for something. Why were you late this morning?

15. “was” (c)

In short answers with 'he', use 'was'. Yes, he was.

16. “weren't” (d)

In negative short answers with 'they', use 'weren't'. No, they weren't.

17. “Was” (a)

'Your best friend' is singular, so use 'Was'. Was your best friend in the same school as you?

18. “What” (b)

Use 'What' to ask about things or preferences. What was your favourite subject at school?

19. “was” (c)

In short answers with 'it', use 'was'. Yes, it was.

20. “Who” (d)

Use 'Who' to ask about people's identity. Who were those people in the photo?