

Translate

Were they in the town or the city?
 Was she at your house for New Year?
 Which bus were you on?

27.4 Past simple of to be — short answers

Yes,	I he she it	was.
	we you they	were.

No,	I he she it	wasn't.
	we you they	weren't.

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Were the gorillas in a cage? Yes, they were.
 Was the cat in its basket? No, it wasn't.

PRACTICE 27

* **A** Make true sentences. Use *was/wasn't* and *were/weren't*.

- The student next to me was / wasn't at school on Monday.
- My homework difficult yesterday.
- The weather warm last Friday.
- My family meals healthy last week.
- My friend's party great.
- The lessons good today.
- My father at home last Saturday.
- My first toys very small.
- My last birthday special.
- My teachers in England a month ago.

* **B** Complete the questions. Write the correct question word(s). Note the key word or phrase in the answer is underlined.

- When was Nina on holiday?
 Nina was on holiday last week.

- was sick yesterday?
Joe was sick yesterday.

- was the film?
 The film was Lord of the Rings.

- were Jess and Martin?
 Jess and Martin were at the club.

- was the CD?
 The CD was £10.

- was in the cage?
A bear was in the cage.

- were your parents in Majorca?
 Our parents were in Majorca last summer.

- was at the swimming pool?
Angela was at the swimming pool.

- were the firefighters at the school?
 The firefighters were at the school because there was a fire.

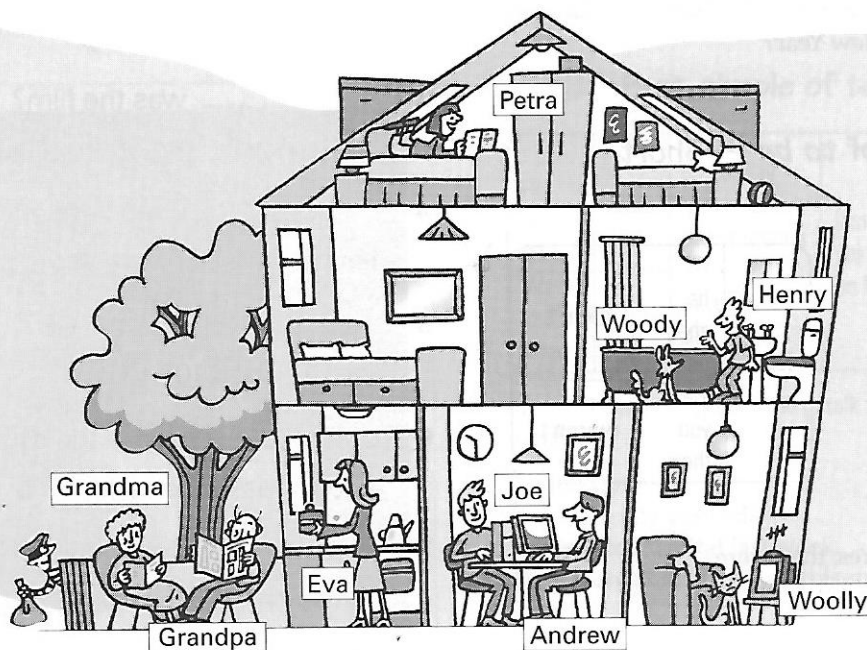
- was Sam's party?
 Sam's party was in the garden.

* **C** Complete the text. Use *was/were*.

On Sunday morning, everybody in the Thompson family ¹ was at home. It ² half past ten. Henry and his dog, Woody, ³ in the bathroom. Petra, his sister, ⁴ in her room. Joe, their father, and his friend Andrew ⁵ in the dining room. Their mother, Eva, ⁶ in the kitchen. Woolly, the cat, ⁷ in the living room. Grandma and Grandpa ⁸ in the garden.

But something ⁹ wrong. A man in a mask ¹⁰ near the house ...

** D Answer the questions about C. Follow the example in question 1.



- 1 Was Petra in the bathroom?
No, she wasn't. She was in her room.
- 2 Was Woody with Joe?
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- 3 Were Joe and Andrew in the bathroom?
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- 4 Was it ten o'clock?
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- 5 Were the children in the garden?
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- 6 Was the cat's name Woody?
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- 7 Was Woolly in the bathroom?
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- 8 Was Eva with Andrew?
.....
- 9 Were Grandma and Grandpa in the living room?
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- 10 Was it a woman in a mask?
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** E Write ten true sentences about you, your friends and your family. Use the time expressions in the box or different time expressions.

last night on Saturday last summer
at Christmas in July

Examples My sister was in Warsaw in July.
I was at home last night.

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