

QUESTIONS IN THE SIMPLE PAST

Verb *To be*

(Questions with *was/were*)

1. Questions without question words in Simple Past (Yes/No Questions)

If the answer is *Yes*, we always use the long form. → Example: Yes, **I was**.

If the answer is *No*, we either use the long or the contracted form (short form). → Example:

No, **I was not** → No, **I wasn't**

to be	Subject	Rest	Yes/No	Subject	Auxiliary (+ n't)
Were	you	in Leipzig last week?	Yes, No,	I I	was. wasn't.
Was	she	in London yesterday?	Yes, No,	she she	was wasn't

2. Questions with question words in Simple Past (Wh- Questions)

Question word	to be	Subject	Rest	Answer
Where	were	you	yesterday?	I was at the cinema.
When	was	she	in London last time?	She was in London last time in September.

Other verbs (Questions with *did*)

1. Questions without question words in Simple Past (Yes/No Questions)

Auxiliary	Subject	Verb	Rest	Yes/No	Subject	Auxiliary (+ n't)
Did	Max	play	football?	Yes, No,	he he	did. didn't.
Did	you	watch	the film yesterday?	Yes, No,	I I	did. didn't.

2. Questions with question words in Simple Past (Wh- Questions)

Question word	Auxiliary	Subject	Verb	Rest	Answer
What	did	you	play	yesterday evening?	I played computer games.
When	did	she	meet	her boyfriend?	She met him yesterday.
Where	did	they	go	after the match?	They went to a café.