

# UNIDAD 15

## WAS / WERE

**Objetivo:** En esta unidad vamos a practicar cómo preguntar y dar información acerca de situaciones o hechos ocurridos en el pasado.

El Verbo **Ser** o **Estar** en el idioma Inglés se conoce como **TO BE** el cual se conjuga en Presente Simple con las formas am – is – are y en Pasado Simple con **WAS y WERE** (era, estaba, fui.).

A continuación te mostramos las tres formas de conjugarlo en Pasado Simple.

Como verbo SER

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
I was	Yo era/fui
You were	Tú eras/fuiste Usted era/fue
He was	Él era/fue
She was	Ella era/fue
It was	Él/Ella era/fue
We were	Nosotros éramos Nosotros fuimos
You were	Vosotros érais/fuisteis (*) Ustedes eran (**) Ustedes fueron (**)
They were	Ellos/as eran/fueron

Como verbo ESTAR

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
I was	Yo estaba/estuve
You were	Tú estabas/estuviste Usted estaba/estuvo
He was	Él estaba/estuvo
She was	Ella estaba/estuvo
It was	Él/Ella estaba/estuvo
We were	Nosotros estábamos Nosotros estuvimos
You were	Vosotros estábais/estuvisteis (*) Ustedes estaban (**) Ustedes estuvieron (**)
They were	Ellos/as estaban/estuvieron

NEGATIVE NEGATIVO  
 Como verbo SER o ESTAR

ENGLISH	
Normal	Contracted
I was not	I wasn't
You were not	You weren't
He was not	He wasn't
She was not	She wasn't
It was not	It wasn't
We were not	We weren't
You were not	You weren't
They were not	They weren't

ESPAÑOL	
Normal	Contracción
Yo no era/no fui	No era/No fui
Yo no estaba/no estuve	No estaba/No estuve
Tú no eras/no fuiste	No eras/No fuiste
Usted no era/no fue	No era/No fue
Tú no estabas/no estuviste	No estabas/No estuviste
Usted no estaba/no estuvo	No estaba/No estuvo
Él no era/no fue	No era/No fue
Él no estaba/no estuvo	No estaba/No estuvo
Ella no era/no fue	No era/No fue
Ella no estaba/no estuvo	No estaba/No estuvo
Él/Ella era/fue	No era/No fue
Él/Ella estaba/estuvo	No estaba/No estuvo
Nosotros no éramos	No éramos
Nosotros no fuimos	No fuimos
Nosotros no estábamos	No estábamos
Nosotros no estuvimos	No estuvimos
Vosotros no érais (*)	No érais (*)
Vosotros no fuisteis (*)	No fuisteis (*)
Ustedes no eran (**)	No eran (**)
Ustedes no fueron (**)	No fueron (**)
Vosotros no estábais (*)	No estábais (*)
Vosotros no estuvisteis (*)	No estuvisteis (*)
Ustedes no estaban (**)	No estaban (**)
Ustedes no estuvieron (**)	No estuvieron (**)
Ellos/as eran/fueron	Ellos/as eran/fueron
Ellos/as estaban/estuvieron	Ellos/as estaban/estuvieron

INTERROGATIVE INTERROGATIVO

Como verbo SER

Como verbo ESTAR

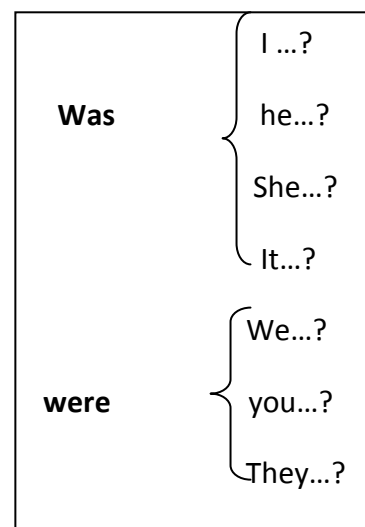
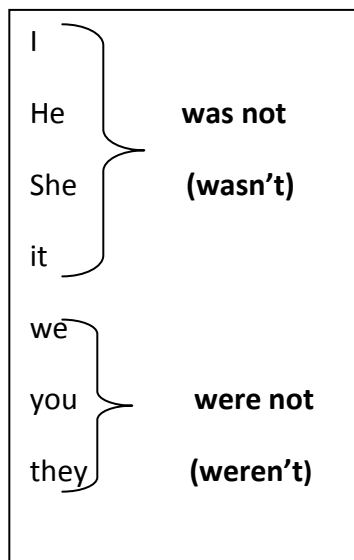
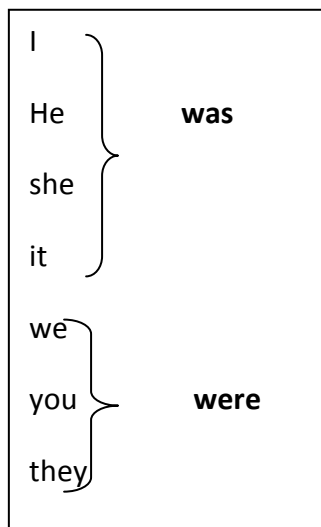
ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
Was I?	¿Era yo? ¿Fui yo?
Were you?	¿Eras tú? ¿Fuiste tú? ¿Era usted? ¿Fue usted?
Was he?	¿Era él? ¿Fue él?
Was she?	¿Era ella? ¿Fue ella?
Was it?	¿Era él (ella)? ¿Fue él (ella)?
Were we?	¿Éramos nosotros? ¿Fuimos nosotros?
Were you?	¿Érais/Fuisteis vosotros? (*) ¿Eran/Fueron ustedes? (**)
Were they?	¿Eran ellos? ¿Fueron ellos?

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
Was I?	¿Estaba yo? ¿Estuve yo?
Were you?	¿Estabas tú? ¿Estuviste tú? ¿Estaba usted? ¿Estuvo usted?
Was he?	¿Estaba él? ¿Estuvo él?
Was she?	¿Estaba ella? ¿Estuvo ella?
Was it?	¿Estaba él (ella)? ¿Estuvo él (ella)?
Were we?	¿Éstábamos nosotros? ¿Estuvimos nosotros?
Were you?	¿Estábais vosotros? (*) ¿Estaban/Estuvieron ustedes? (**)
Were they?	¿Estaban ellos? ¿Estuvieron ellos?

*Positivo*

*Negativo*

*Interrogativo*



*Respuestas cortas*

	I/he/she/it	<b>was</b>
Yes,	We/you/they	<b>were</b>

	I/he/she/it	<b>wasn't</b>
No,	We/you/they	<b>weren't</b>

**EJEMPLOS:**

- a) I **was** born in 1987. (Nací en 1987)
- b) My father **wasn't** at home yesterday. He **was** at work (Mi papá no estuvo en la casa ayer. Estaba en el trabajo).
- c) How old **were** you in 1993? (¿Qué edad tenías en 1993?)

**NOTA:** No se utiliza **DID** en negaciones ni preguntas con **was / were**.

Ahora, estás listo para hacer las siguientes actividades

**1. – Completa las oraciones con *was/wasn't* o *were/weren't*. (10 puntos)**

- 1.-Michael Jackson (1) was a very popular artist. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1958.
- 2. - Last Saturday Carlos and Irma (3) \_\_\_\_\_ home. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the country all weekend.
- 3. - I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ worried because they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ lost.
- 4. – (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Valentin and Isabel at the party? No, they (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. - For most people Pelé (9) \_\_\_\_\_ one of the best soccer players in the world.
- 6.-What (10) \_\_\_\_\_ your favorite subject in high school? It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ math.

**2. - Completa el dialogo con was, were, wasn't o weren't. ( 8 puntos)**

Dough: Where (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you last night, Martin? I called you but you (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

Martin: No, I (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Betty and I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at a friend's house. We had dinner there and then watched TV.

Dough: Did you watch a film?

Martin: No, there (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a boxing match on Channel 7. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ great, but the girls (7) \_\_\_\_\_ upset!

Dough: They hate boxing, right?

Martin: Yes, and there (8) \_\_\_\_\_ another TV in the house.

**3.-Completa el ejercicio con el pasado de los verbos en paréntesis, recuerda que el pasado del verbo "to be" es was o were, dependiendo de la persona. (12 puntos)**

1.- How (be) was your weekend? Terrible! I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sick. I

(have) \_\_\_\_\_ temperature and sore throat.

2.-Last night I (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the movies. But I (enjoy)(neg.) \_\_\_\_\_ the

film much, because it (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very violent.

3.-The dress (be) \_\_\_\_\_ really fine and It (cost) (neg.) \_\_\_\_\_ very much.

4. - Max's parents (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very proud because he (studied) \_\_\_\_\_ very hard and (pass) \_\_\_\_\_ his examinations.

5. - \_\_\_\_\_ you (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to Johannesburg to the Soccer World Cup? Of course. It

(be) \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful!

## EXAM UNIT 15

Ejercicio 1. Completa las oraciones con **was** , **wasn't** o **were** , **weren't**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ in Canberra last Spring .
2. My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ at school last Saturday. We \_\_\_\_\_ at the mall
3. Tina \_\_\_\_\_ at home yesterday, she \_\_\_\_\_ at work.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ very busy on Friday, right?
5. Jessica and Kimberly \_\_\_\_\_ late for school yesterday.
6. My elementary school \_\_\_\_\_ really big .
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ in a hurry because there \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of traffic.
8. Last night you \_\_\_\_\_ angry because your girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
9. My father \_\_\_\_\_ at work yesterday because he \_\_\_\_\_ sick.
10. Trixi and Felix \_\_\_\_\_ my cats, they died 5 years ago.

Ejercicio 2. Complete con la pregunta correcta.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
He was born in 1916.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
It was sunny and hot.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
She was friendly and talkative.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
I was with my sister.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
They were at the beach last summer.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
The party was great, I was really happy.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
She was happy because it was her birthday.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
My best friend was Andy.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Her birthday party was last summer.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
John Lennon was from Liverpool.

**Ejercicio 3. Lee el siguiente parrafo acerca del científico Charles Darwin y contesta las preguntas**



Charles Darwin was born on February 12, 1809. He was a British naturalist who became famous for his theories of evolution and natural selection. In South America, Darwin found that fossils of extinct animals were similar to modern species. Many people were strongly opposed to the idea of evolution because it conflicted with their religious beliefs. Throughout his life, Darwin was a reserved, thorough, hard working scholar.

- 1.-Who was Charles Darwin?
- 2.-Where was he born?
- 3.-When was he born?
- 4.-Why was he famous for?
- 5.-Why were people opposed to his theories?
- 6.-What was he like?

## ANSWER KEY EXERCISES

- 1) 2.- was 3.- weren't 4.-were 5.- was 6.-were 7.-were 8.-weren't  
9.- was 10.- was 11.- was
- 2) 1.- were 2.- weren't 3.- wasn't 4.- were 5.- was 6.- was 7.-  
were 8.- wasn't
- 3) 1.- was / had 2.-went /didn't enjoy /was 3.- was / didn't cost 4.- were /  
studied / passed 5.-Did / go / was

## ANSWER KEY EXAM

### Exercise I

1. Was
2. Weren't / were
3. Wasn't, was
4. Were
5. Were
6. Was
7. Was / was
8. Were / wasn't
9. Wasn't / was
10. Were

### Exercise II

1. When was he born?
2. How was the weather?



3. What was she like?
4. Who were you with?
5. Where were they last summer?
6. How was the party?
7. Why was she happy?
8. Who was your best friend?
9. When was her birthday party
10. Where was John Lennon from?

### Exercise III

1. A British Naturalist
2. In Britain / England
3. 1809
4. For his theories of evolution and natural selection
5. Because it conflicted their religious beliefs
6. Reserved and hardworking

Para que puedas seguir practicando esta estructura puedes consultar el siguiente material en el CADI:

<b>AUDIO</b>	LIS 089
<b>LECTURA</b>	REA 110
<b>VIDEO</b>	VID032
<b>ESCRITURA</b>	WRI072
<b>GRAMATICA</b>	GRA017, GRA024, GRA138, GRA170, GRA191, GRA278,

También puedes consultar los siguientes libros:

- GRAMMAR SPECTRUM 1 codificación GKB 008 (Unidad 9, pág. 22)
- ESSENTIAL GRAMMAR IN USE codificación GKB ( Unidad 10, págs. 82,83)
- GRAMMAR DIMENSIONS 1 codificación GKB 014 (Unidad 17, págs. 257-265)