

A. Introduction & Usage

- Now Rohan **is** at work.
- At midnight last night he **wasn't** at work. He **was** in bed and asleep.

TIMELINE CONTEXT

Night: Asleep in bed

Now: At work in office

Tense Conversion Rules:

am / is (present) → **was** (past)

- I **am** tired (now) → I **was** tired **last night**.
- Where **is** Priya? → Where **was** Priya **yesterday**?
- Weather **is** good today. → Weather **was** good **last week**.

are (present) → **were** (past)

- You **are** late (now) → You **were** late **yesterday**.
- They **aren't** here → They **weren't** here **last Sunday**.

B. Structure Tables & Sentences

POSITIVE		NEGATIVE		QUESTION	
I / he / she / it	was	I / he / she / it	was not (wasn't)	Was	I / he / she / it?
we / you / they	were	we / you / they	were not (weren't)	Were	we / you / they?

Practice Examples:

- Last year **Neha was** 22, so she **is** 23 now.
- When I **was** a child, I **was** afraid of dogs.
- We **were** hungry after the journey, but weren't tired.
- The hotel **was** comfortable, but not expensive.
- **Was** the weather good when you **were** on holiday?
- Those shoes are nice. **Were** they expensive?
- Why **were** you late this morning?

C. Short Answers

YES, SHORT ANSWERS		NO, SHORT ANSWERS	
Yes,	I / he / she / it was . we / you / they were .	No,	I / he / she / it wasn't . we / you / they weren't .

Dialogue Practice:

- 'Were you late?' → 'No, I wasn't.'
- 'Was Amit at work yesterday?' → 'Yes, he was.'
- 'Were Pooja and Rahul at the party?' → 'No, they weren't.'