

Past tense questions (verb to be)

Ask and answer the questions. You can use the responses practice answers or as guides. Of course, you can create your own response. If the answer is "No/I wasn't/It wasn't.." move on to the next question or ask, "Why weren't you.....?".

Wh-Questions:**1. Where were you born?**

- I was born here.
- I was born in New York City.
- I was born in a small town in Italy.

Follow-up: When were you born?**2. When were you the happiest in your life?**

- I was the happiest when my daughter was born.
- I was happiest during my university years.
- I was most happy when I retired and started traveling.

Follow-up: Why were you happy?**3. Who was your best friend in high school?**

- My best friend was a guy named John.
- Maria, she was my neighbor and we were inseparable.
- My best friend was my brother.

Follow-up: What did you do together?**4. What was the name of your first pet?**

- My first pet was a dog named Spot.
- I had a cat named Whiskers.
- My first pet was a bird called Sunny.

Follow-up: What did it like to eat?**5. What was the weather like yesterday?**

- It was sunny and warm.
- It was cloudy with a chance of rain.
- It was very hot and humid.

Follow-up: Did you enjoy the weather yesterday?**6. Where were you yesterday at 3 PM?**

- I was at home.
- I was at work.
- I was at the gym.

Follow-up: What did you do there?**7. What was the best thing that happened to you last week?**

- I got a promotion at work.
- I spent quality time with my family.
- I went on a wonderful vacation.

Follow-up: How did you feel?

8. What was your first job?

- My first job was a paper route in my neighborhood.
- I worked as a cashier at a local grocery store.
- I was a lifeguard at the community pool.

Follow-up: What did you learn from that job?

9. Who was the President of the USA 10 years ago?

- The President was Barack Obama.
- The President was Donald Trump.
- The President was George Bush

Follow-up: What is the President now?

10. What was your favorite meal last week?

- My favorite meal was Pad Thai.
- My favorite meal was Pizza.
- My favorite meal was Fried Chicken

Follow-up: Where did you eat?

Yes/No Questions:

1. Were you in New York last year?

- Yes, I was.
- No, I wasn't. I was in another country.
- I don't remember.

Follow-up: Why were you there?/ Where were you?

2. Was it raining yesterday?

- Yes, it was.
- No, it wasn't. It was sunny.
- I don't remember the weather.

Follow-up: Do you like the rain?

3. Was your dinner spicy last night?

- Yes, it was very spicy.
- No, it was not spicy.
- It was moderately spicy.

Follow-up: Do you like spicy food?

4. Were you at the meeting last week?

- Yes, I was.
- No, I wasn't. I was sick.
- I don't remember if I was there.

Follow-up: Where was the meeting ?

5. Was the traffic heavy on your way home yesterday?

- Yes, it was really heavy.
- No, it was not heavy at all.

- It was somewhat heavy.

Follow-up: What time did you get home?