

Il simple paste di “to be”

Il verbo “to be” rientra nel gruppo dei verbi irregolari ma ha una coniugazione propria.



Affermativo

I - he/she/It + was

you- we - they + were

Interrogativo

was I?

was he/she/It?

were you?

were we?

were they?

Negativo

I was not or wasn't

he/she/It was not or wasn't

you were not or weren't

we were not or weren't

they were not or weren't

Interrogativo Negativo

wasn't I?

wasn't He/she/It?

weren't You?

weren't We?

weren't They?

Se volessimo fare un paragone con l'italiano possiamo dire:

indicativo imperfetto:

There was nobody at home last night (Non c'era nessuno a casa ieri sera)

indicativo passato prossimo:

I was abroad on business two weeks ago. (Sono stato all'estero per affari due settimane fa)

Indicativo passato remoto:

Were they happy to see you? (Furono felice di vederdi?)

Per chiedere e dire in inglese quando si è nati si usa il simple past del verbo to be seguito dal participio passato born.

When was Sheila born? She was born on 8th April, 1985 (Quando è nata Sheila? È nata il 6 aprile 1985)

Short answer

La risposta breve si struttura nel seguente modo:

affermativa

Yes, pronome personale soggetto + was/were

negativa

No, pronome personale soggetto + wasn't/weren't

Alcuni esempi:

Was Danus ill yesterday? Yes, he was (Danus era ammalata ieri? Si lo era)

Were they at your party last Sunday? No, they weren't (Erano alla tua festa sabato scorso? No)

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