

Grammar Unit 2

was, were, there was, there were

1 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *was / were* or *there was / there were*.

James (1) _____ there many TVs in the 1930s, Grandma?

Grandma No, (2) _____ many.

James What (3) _____ your favourite programmes at that time?

Grandma Quiz shows. They (4) _____ my favourite programmes. My father (5) _____ a participant on a quiz show, but he (6) _____ very good. (7) _____ a fantastic prize, but he didn't win it.

Past simple

2 Write a past simple affirmative and negative sentence, and a question for the sentences.

You watch the reality show.

(✓) *You watched the reality show.*

1 (✗) _____

2 (?) _____

He sees the film.

3 (✓) _____

4 (✗) _____

5 (?) _____

3 Write past simple questions for the answers. Use a question word.

Who did you see last night?

I saw Karen last night.

1 _____ ?

We had fish and chips for dinner.

2 _____ ?

_____ ?

They went to Tenerife for their holiday.

3 _____ ?

I was angry because we didn't win the prize.

4 _____ ?

He watched a reality show on TV.

Past continuous

4 Write past continuous affirmative and negative sentences and questions.

1 I / read / a book (✗)

2 you / watch / TV (?)

3 they / speak / French (✗)

4 he / sleep (✓)

5 who / you / talk to (?)

6 I / chat / to a friend (✓)

Past simple and past continuous

5 Complete the sentences with the correct verb in each gap. Use the past simple or past continuous form.

When I *arrived*, they *were watching* TV. (arrive / watch)

1 While Dad _____ the dinner, I _____ my homework. (do / cook)

2 When I _____ David, he _____ lunch in the park. (have / see)

3 _____ Dan's parents _____ in Buenos Aires when he _____ born? (be / live)

4 I _____ any text messages while we _____ the film. (not send / watch)

5 Why _____ you _____ when I _____ into the room? (laugh / walk)

6 It _____ when we _____ the sports centre. (leave / not rain)

Summary

Television

advert audience broadcast camera channel character episode participant presenter programme
remote control screen show viewer

Television programmes

cartoon documentary drama series film game show quiz show reality show sitcom
soap opera sports programme talent show the news

Television

1 Match 1–7 with a–h to make sentences.

- The advert e
- 1 Jake doesn't like cartoons, so he
- 2 The participant in the quiz show
- 3 Viewers can vote
- 4 My grandparents watched the
- 5 In last night's episode
- 6 There were a lot of people
- 7 My favourite character in the film
- a with their remote controls.
- b won €10,000!
- c in the audience for the show.
- d broadcast from the moon in 1969.
- e ~~was about a new car.~~
- f is the police dog.
- g changed the channel.
- h John and Tina got married.

2 Write the letters in the correct order to make television words.

- teperrens *presenter*
- 1 gromperma _____
- 2 thracarec _____
- 3 amerca _____
- 4 sobacradt _____
- 5 renecs _____
- 6 uieaecdn _____
- 7 iwrvee _____

Television programmes

3 Complete the sentences with the singular or plural form of words from the summary.

- 1 We're interviewing homeless people for a _____.
- 2 On _____ you do silly activities to win prizes.
- 3 *The Simpsons* is my favourite _____.
- 4 A _____ doesn't have many episodes. It is usually quite serious.
- 5 Hollywood is the home of American _____.
- 6 A _____ is a drama that makes you laugh.

4 Where do you hear these sentences? Write the names of the different programmes.

- 1 I hate the other participants and I want to go home! _____
- 2 I think the answer is b. No, I think it's a. My final answer is a. _____
- 3 In a minute we've got some tennis for you, but first, today's football results.

- 4 I thought you didn't love me but you do. Let's get married! _____
- 5 You really can't sing. You were terrible! You're going home tonight! _____
- 6 Two men stole a famous painting last night. The police found the painting and arrested the two men. _____