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Past Simple: was/were, could

- We use the Past Simple to talk about events and situations that started and ended in the past:

*John and I **were** at the same school.*

*We both **could** play basketball and football, but we **couldn't** play tennis.*

- The Past Simple form of the verb to be is was/were:

Affirmative		Negative	
I/He/She/It	was	I/He/ She/It	wasn't (was not)
You/We/ They	were	You/We/ They	weren't (were not)
	at school.		at school.
Yes/No questions		Short answers	
Was	I/he/she/it	Yes, I/he/she/it was .	
	at school?	No, I/he/she/it wasn't .	
Were	you/we/ they	Yes, you/we/they were .	
		No, you/we/they weren't .	