

## 5.5

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