The verb 'to be'

Past Tense

'To be' is one of the most commonly used verbs in the English language.

It is an **irregular verb** so you have to learn how to use it in its different forms.

Singular (where there is one person, thing, object or event)

I **was**	I **was** happy there.
You **were**	You **were** always so kind to me.
He **was**	He **was** the best runner in the school.
She **was**	She **was** the first woman in space.
It **was**	It **was** a special party.

Plural (where there is more than one person, thing, object or event)

We **were**	We **were** all ill last week.
You **were**	You **were** brilliant in the show.
They **were**	They **were** busy in the maths lesson.

Don't forget!

The different forms of **'to be'** will sometimes appear in sentences with another main verb, e.g.

Last Thursday, I **was singing** in the choir.

During yesterday's PE lesson, we **were playing** basketball.

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