

was - were

- „Was/Were“ are used to talk about events, facts or circumstances which have already passed.
- The word order used for the past tense is the same as for the present tense.
- For he/she/it/I use was / wasn't
- For you/they/we use were / weren't

Examples:

Present tense:

The house is in the centre.

The weather isn't good.

We are in London.

Past tense:

The house was in the centre.

The weather wasn't good.

We were in London.

Convert the following sentences from the present tense to the past tense:

She is in the house.

She was in the house.

They aren't cooking their meal.

They weren't cooking their meal.

I'm not reading a book.

I wasn't reading a book.

We are at home.

We were at home.

You aren't in the bar.

You weren't in the bar.

Is the room clean?

Was the room clean?

He isn't working.

He wasn't working.

The cat is in the tree.

The cat was in the tree.

Toni is in love with Kathi.

Toni was in love with Kathi.

Toni and Kathi are in the living room.

Toni and Kathi were in the living room.

They are watching a film on TV.

They weren't watching a film on TV.

Anita is washing the dishes.

Anita was washing the dishes.

The dog isn't in the garden.

The dog wasn't in the garden.

We are in a small bar.

We were in a small bar.

You aren't in your car.

You weren't in your car.

Is the weather fine in Vienna?

Was the weather fine in Vienna?

Are they watching a good film?

Were they watching a good film?

How long are you there?

How long were you there?