**THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB:**

**TO BE (= de verleden tijd van am/are/is)**

**you, we, they, plural nouns: WERE**

**I, he, she, it, singular nouns: WAS**

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| **Positive** | **Negative** |
| **I was** | **I wasn’t (was not)** |
| **you were** (=je) | **You weren’t (were not)** |
| **he was** | **He wasn’t (was not)** |
| **she was** | **She wasn’t (was not)** |
| **it was** | **It wasn’t (was not)** |
| **we were** | **We weren’t (were not)** |
| **You were** (=jullie, U) | **You weren’t (were not)** |
| **They were** | **They weren’t (were not)** |

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| **Questions** | **Short answers** |
| **Was I ……?** | **Yes, I was.**  **No, I wasn’t.** |
| **Were you ……?** | **Yes, you were.**  **No, you weren’t.** |
| **Was he ……?** | **Yes, he was.**  **No, he wasn’t.** |
| **Was she ……?** | **Yes, she was.**  **No, she wasn’t.** |
| **Was it ……?** | **Yes, it was.**  **No, it wasn’t.** |
| **Were we ……?** | **Yes, we were.**  **No, we weren’t.** |
| **Were you ……?** | **Yes, we were.**  **No, we weren’t.** |
| **Were they ……?** | **Yes, they were.**  **No, they weren’t.** |

**Examples:**

**When I was 18 years old, they were my best friends.**

**My brother and sister were at home yesterday.**

**Were you in London yesterday? No, I wasn’t.**

**Angela was very happy.**