

0.3 Grammar worksheet

Past simple: *be* and *can*; Definite, indefinite and zero articles

1 Write the past simple sentences and questions with the simple past form of *be*.

- 1 Charlotte / be / ill / yesterday

- 2 you / at Jim's party / on Saturday / ?

- 3 a lot of students / not / at school / last week

- 4 how / your weekend / ?

- 5 my parents / not / late / for work

- 6 I / hungry / after the swimming practice

2 Complete the sentences and questions with the past simple form of *can* and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 When I was younger I _____ (not play) the guitar.
- 2 My sister _____ (read) when she was five years old.
- 3 They _____ (not speak) English last year.
- 4 _____ (you / ski) when you were ten?
- 5 We _____ (ride) our bikes when we were very little.
- 6 _____ (Dave / swim) when he was seven years old?

3 Choose the correct alternatives.

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Mum

Mum, there is ¹**a / the** dog in our street. ²**- / The** dog is alone and it looks sad. What do I do?

Maybe it's our neighbour's dog. Is ³**a / the** dog small and white?

Yes, it is! And it has ⁴**a / -** long brown ears.

It's Mr. Turner's dog. It sometimes runs in the street. You can go to Mr. Turner and tell him about ⁵**the / a** dog.

His house is opposite ⁶**the / an** park, right?

Yes, it has ⁷**a / an** orange door and ⁸**a / the** big garden.

4 Work in pairs. Complete the sentences about things you could or couldn't do when you were younger. Make sure that there are five true sentences and one false sentence. Tell your sentences to your partner and let him/her guess which one is a lie.



Five facts about me and one lie:

- 1 I _____ when I was _____ years old.
- 2 I _____ when I was _____ years old.
- 3 I _____ when I was _____ years old.
- 4 I _____ when I was _____ years old.
- 5 I _____ when I was _____ years old.
- 6 I _____ when I was _____ years old.