

Was & Were

SER/ESTAR (Past Tense)

Was/were is used to talk about yourself and other people, animals or things, in the **PAST TIME**. The Spanish translation is **SER** or **ESTAR**, and you have to choose one of the meanings depending on the context. For example:

- She **was** Spanish. (Ella **era** española)
- She **was** in Spain. (Ella **estaba** en España)
- She **was** from Spain. (Ella **era** de España)

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE		INTERROGATIVE	
	FULL FORM	CONTRACTED FORM	FULL FORM	SHORT ANSWERS
I was	I was not	I wasn't	Was I?	Yes, I was / No, I wasn't
You were	You were not	You weren't	Were you?	Yes, you were / No, you weren't
He was	He was not	He wasn't	Was he?	Yes, he was / No, he wasn't
She was	She was not	She wasn't	Was she?	Yes, she was / No, she wasn't
It was	It was not	It wasn't	Was it?	Yes, it was / No, it wasn't
We were	We were not	We weren't	Were we?	Yes, we were / No, we weren't
You were	You were not	You weren't	Were you?	Yes, you were / No, you weren't
They were	They were not	They weren't	Were they?	Yes, they were / No, they weren't

HABER (Past Tense)

We can also use **WAS/WERE** with **There** to talk about things you could see or things you know exist **IN THE PAST**. The Spanish translation is **HABÍA**. For example:

- There **was** a chair in the classroom. (**Había** una silla en la clase)
- There **were** two chairs in the classroom. (**Había** dos sillas en la clase)

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE		INTERROGATIVE	
	FULL FORM	CONTRACTED FORM	FULL FORM	SHORT ANSWERS
There was	There was not	There wasn't	Was there?	Yes, there was No, there wasn't
There were	There were not	There weren't	Were there?	Yes, there were No, there weren't