

Unit 8

be: past simple (affirmative, negative, interrogative)

Affirmative	
I	was
you	were
he she it	was
we you they	were

Negative	
full forms	short forms
I was not	I wasn't
you were not	you weren't
he she it was not	he she it wasn't
we you they were not	we you they weren't

Steve was in Barcelona in March.

Jane wasn't in Bilbao in May.

We were brilliant yesterday!

They weren't at home yesterday.

Interrogative	
Was	I ...?
Were	you ...?
Was	he she ...? it
Were	we you ...? they

Short answers	
affirmative	negative
Yes, I was.	No, I wasn't.
Yes, you were.	No, you weren't.
Yes, he she was. it	No, he she wasn't. it
Yes, we you were. they	No, we you weren't. they

'Was Steve in Madrid in April?' 'Yes, he was.'

'Were you at home yesterday?' 'No, we weren't.'

En las respuestas breves negativas suelen utilizarse las formas contraídas.

at home, etc.

at a disco at a football match

at the cinema at the sports centre

at home at school