A Fill in the blanks with was or were.

1. Yesterday it .............................................. rainy and cool.
2. ........................................... the concert good last Sunday?
3. My father and I ........................................... at the stadium for the big game two weeks ago.
4. The children ........................................... not at their grandparents last weekend.
5. The weather ........................................... hot and I ........................................... thirsty.
6. ........................................... you at the shops yesterday?

B Fill in the blanks with There was, There were, Was there or Were there.

1. Were there ........................................... any famous actors in the play?
2. ........................................... a wonderful film on TV on Monday night.
3. ........................................... astronauts on the moon in 1969.
4. ........................................... steak for lunch.
5. ........................................... any sugar in the bowl?
6. ........................................... a nature programme on TV last night?

C Answer the questions about yourself.

1. Were you at this school a year ago?
   ..............................................................
2. Were you cold last night?
   ..............................................................
3. Was your room tidy yesterday?
   ..............................................................
4. Were you worried about anything yesterday?
   ..............................................................
5. How old were you in the year 2002?
   ..............................................................
6. How many pupils were there in your class last year?
   ..............................................................

D Ask questions using Was or Were. Then answer the questions according to the pictures.

1. the man / rich / many years ago
   Was the man rich many years ago?
   No, he wasn’t. He was poor.
2. the men / on holiday / in June
   ..............................................................
3. Dan / on a boat / last Saturday
   ..............................................................
4. the teacher / angry / yesterday
   ..............................................................
5. the shops / closed / on Monday afternoon
   ..............................................................
## Past to be, There was / There were – Answers

### A
1. was  
2. Was  
3. were  
4. were  
5. was, was  
6. Were

### B
1. Were there  
2. There was  
3. There were  
4. There was  
5. Was there  
6. Was there

### C
Accept all logical and grammatically correct answers.

### D
1. Was the man rich many years ago? No, he wasn’t. He was poor.  
2. Were the men on holiday in June? No, they weren’t. They were at work.  
3. Was Dan on a boat last Saturday? Yes, he was.  
4. Was the teacher angry yesterday? No, she wasn’t. She was happy.  
5. Were the shops closed on Monday afternoon? Yes, they were.