

Was or Were?

1. Underline the correct form of the verbs in the paragraph below

In a castle on the outside of town, there lived a witch who was/were the most evil witch that had ever lived. The villagers was/were all afraid of her because of the heinous deeds she had did/done in years gone by.

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4. Which sentence is the odd one out?

A. Her hair was darker than mine, but we were similar.

B. Jay and I was the best of friends at high school and was always laughing.

C. The jumper I had on was wet even though we were hiding from the rain.

Explain your answer.

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2. Tick the sentences which use 'was' or 'were' correctly.

A. Charlie was cross because his brother had broken his toy.

B. The children was unhappy because PE had been cancelled.

C. Our rabbits were naughty because they kept escaping.

D. The racing car were waiting in the pit stop for a tyre change.

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5. Janine has written the sentence below.

I were waiting for the bus when my dad drove past.

She says,



I have used the correct form of the verb 'to be' in my sentence.

Explain her mistake.

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3. Complete the sentences using 'was' or 'were'.

A. The little girl _____ upset because she didn't know where her mum had gone.

B. The footballers _____ impressed with the number of goals they had scored.

C. Oran and I _____ at our dad's house for a sleepover.

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6. Rewrite the text so that it uses the correct form of the verb 'to be'.

Last week, Ben were finishing his homework when he saw something flash outside his window. He got up and decided to go outside to see what were going on. When he got to the back door, Ben were shocked to see the grass were filled with gnomes. The gnomes was all laughing and shouting and was making a mess of his mum's lawn. Ben shouted at them all to leave but he were ignored and the gnomes carried on with what they was doing.

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1. In a castle on the outside of town, there lived a witch who **was** the most evil witch that had ever lived. The villagers **were** all afraid of her because of the heinous deeds she had **done** in years gone by.
2. A and C
3. A. was; B. were; C. were
4. Sentence B is the odd one out because it uses 'were' incorrectly. Sentences A and C are correct because they use the correct verb form when referring to singular and plural nouns.
5. Janine has made a mistake because she has used 'were' which is the plural form of the verb 'to be' when the noun used is singular. The correct sentence should be 'I was waiting for the bus when my dad drove past.'
6. Last week, Ben **was** finishing his homework when he saw something flash outside his window. He got up and decided to go outside to see what **was** going on. When he got to the back door, Ben **was** shocked to see the grass **was** filled with gnomes. The gnomes **were** all laughing and shouting and **were** making a mess of his mum's lawn. Ben shouted at them all to leave but he **was** ignored and the gnomes carried on with what they **were** doing.