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Reading (Reading)

I was a student.
(I was a student.)

We were students.
(We were students.)

You were a singer.
(You were a singer.)

You were singers.
(You were singers.)

He was not a doctor.
(He was not a doctor.)

They were not doctors.
(They were not doctors.)

I was not a teacher.

(I was not a teacher.)

We were not teachers.

(We were not teachers.)

Were you a pilot?

(Were you a pilot?)

Were you pilots?

(Were you pilots?)

Was she alone?

(Was she alone?)

Were they alone?

(Were they alone?)

Grammar Focus (Grammar Focus)

- ❖ You use **"was"** ("was") instead of **"am"** ("am") and **"were"** ("were") instead of **"are"** (are) when you want to refer to the past. This is called the **"Past Tense"** ("Past Tense").
- ❖ You use **"was not/wasn't"** ("wasn't") or **"were not/weren't"** ("weren't") when you want to make a negative sentence in the Past tense.
- ❖ You use **"Was...?"** ("Was...?") or **"Were...?"** ("Were..?") at the beginning of a sentence when you want to make an interrogative sentence in the Past tense.

Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) I was a teacher. (I was a teacher.)
- 2) We were kids. (We were kids.)
- 3) You were my classmate. (You were my classmate.)
- 4) He was my friend. (He was my friend.)
- 5) It wasn't his notebook. (It wasn't his notebook.)
- 6) They weren't popular. (They weren't popular.)
- 7) He wasn't an engineer before. (He wasn't an engineer before.)
- 8) Were they soldiers? (Were they soldiers?)
- 9) Were you a student in this school? (Were you a student in this school?)
- 10) Were they here before? (Were they here before?)

Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words in English.

- 1) _____ a soldier. (I was a soldier.)
- 2) _____ in my room. (We were in my room.)
- 3) _____ a student. (You were a good student.)
- 4) _____ in Finland. (He wasn't in Finland.)
- 5) _____ alone. (She wasn't alone.)
- 6) _____ my friends. (They were my friends.)
- 7) _____ in the United States?
(Was he in the United States?)
- 8) _____ a singer before? (Was she a singer before?)

Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences in English.

- 1) He was my student.
- 2) Were you a pilot?
- 3) They were my friends.
- 4) He wasn't an English teacher.
- 5) Were you in France last year?
- 6) I was not in Russia then.
- 7) We were at the theatre last night.
- 8) Were you here yesterday?