



Module 4. Where were you yesterday?

■ Session 13. I was sick yesterday

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Session's learning objective

At the end of the session you will be able to:

- ✓ Use vocabulary related to everyday problems and situations.
- ✓ Practice using the past tense of the verb Be in affirmative and negative sentences.
- ✓ Practice making wh-questions and question with short answers with the verb Be.

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Syllabus

- Vocabulary related to everyday problems and situations.
- Verb Be in past tense in affirmative and negative sentences.
- Verb Be in wh-questions and questions with short answers.

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I was sick yesterday

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Vocabulary of everyday problems in context

■ These words are used to indicate everyday problems or situations.

➤ Mr. Taylor is **late** for work. His **watch is broken** again!

➤ Paul is **late** and he **missed the train** because

➤ The **weather is awful**, it's raining and cold.



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Vocabulary of everyday problems in context



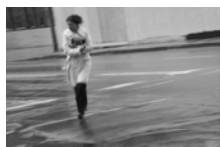
More problems:
The **lines** to get on the subway are long.
The **traffic** is **terrible!**
The market is very **crowded**.



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What happened to Allison?



Allison has a meeting but she is **lost** and doesn't know where to go.
She walks in the rain and **gets wet**.
That afternoon, in her office she begins to sneeze.
By the time she gets home from work, she **feels sick** and goes to bed.

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Present and Past Tense of the Verb Be

Verb Be in the past tense form:
Look at the **questions** and the **short answers**.
Look at the **negative forms**.

Present tense form	Past tense form
I am 19 years old.	I was born in 1989.
You are in my class.	You were in my math class last semester.
Mr. Jarad is our teacher.	He wasn't born in Chicago.
My mom is a teacher too.	Your mom wasn't sick with the flu.
Our home isn't here in Monterrey.	We weren't born there.
We aren't from Mexico City.	The children were tired of playing inside.
The boys aren't playing outside.	

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Past tense with questions

Questions	Short answers/ Complete answers
Were you at home yesterday? Was James at school with you? Were the children asleep by 9PM?	Yes, I was. No, I wasn't. Yes, he was. No, he wasn't. Yes, they were. No, they weren't.
Where were you last night? Why was James at the movies and not at school? When were they on vacation? What time was your appointment or meeting?	I was at home. I wasn't out. Because he doesn't like math class. They were on vacation two weeks ago. It was at 3 in the afternoon, but I was late and missed it.

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Where were you yesterday?

Gary: Hey, Josh. Where _____ you yesterday? You _____ at school.

Josh: I was at home. I _____ sick.
How _____ school?

Gary: You know. The usual. The Math exam _____ too bad, I guess.
Hey, Mrs. Dole's History class _____ really interesting yesterday.

Josh: Mrs. Dole's class? Are you kidding?

Gary: No. Really! We're studying the 1960s. It _____ really interesting yesterday.

Complete the dialog with was, wasn't, were, and weren't.



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Time expressions used in the past tense

- Yesterday
- at this time last week
- Last month
- Last night
- Last Saturday
- Last year
- Last weekend
- Three weeks ago
- A month ago
- A year ago
- On Friday night
- On your last birthday
- On your last vacation
- today

Last Christmas



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Where were you last Saturday?

- In pairs, ask and answer questions about the people in the pictures.
- Where was Anna last Sunday?

Anna and Karen



Mark



The Johnsons



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Were they at home last weekend?



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How was it?

Can you match the adjectives with the nouns?

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|--------------|-----------------|
| ■ Expensive | city |
| ■ Cheap | castle |
| ■ Horrible | tickets |
| ■ Crowded | food |
| ■ Not polite | tour |
| ■ Lovely | souvenirs |
| ■ Nice | sales assistant |
| ■ Awful | statue |
| ■ Beautiful | shops |



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How was the tour?

- Read the conversation and then talk about your past experiences.

Albert: So, where were you yesterday?
Bess: We were on a tour of the old city.
Albert: Oh, Jess was there last week. So, how was it?
Bess: It was lovely.
Leo: Yes, it was very interesting.
Albert: Was it expensive?
Bess: No, not really. Well, the tickets for the castle weren't cheap.
Leo: Oh, yes and it was full of tourists.
Bess: The whole city was crowded!
Leo: And the souvenirs... Oh, they were very expensive!



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Collaborative activity – Asking for information

- Instructions:
- Form groups of 4 students at random or selectively.
 - Students are to make dialogs using the prompts given or from their own ideas to make their dialogs. Remind them to use the past tense of Be in questions, affirmative and negative sentences.
 - They will then assign roles and act out their dialogs to all the class.

Option 1
At a restaurant – my friend _____ - the food – not very nice – horrible
– prices –not expensive - at a soccer game - great

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Collaborative activity

Option 2
At home – sick – get wet – the weather – the subway/bus
– crowded – the traffic – lost – terrible

- Their dialog should begin as follows:
 - A: Hey, _____. Where were you last night / yesterday?
 - B:
 - C:
- Give the students 20 min to create their dialog.
- Have them take turns to act out their dialogs to all the class.

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Conclusion

In this session you practiced using vocabulary related to everyday problems and situations.

You also practiced using the past tense of the verb Be in affirmative and negative sentences.

You practiced making wh-questions and question with short answers with the verb Be.

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