EGYSZERŰ MÚLT IDŐ (létige) – PAST SIMPLE TENSE (verb 'to be')

POSITIVE		NEGATIVE		QUESTION	
I **was**		I **was not**	I **wasn't**	**Was** I	
You **were**		You **were not**	You **weren't**	**Were** you	
He / She / It **was**		He / She / It **was not**	He / She / It **wasn't**	**Was** he / she / it	at home yesterday. / at home yesterday?
We **were**		We **were not**	We **weren't**	**Were** we	
You **were**		You **were not**	You **weren't**	**Were** you	
They **were**		We **were not**	They **weren't**	**Were** they	
SHORT ANSWER	Yes, I **was**. Yes, he/ she/ it **was**. Yes, you/ we/ they **were**.		No, I **was not**. = No, I **wasn't**. No, you/we/they **were not**. =	No, he/she/it **was not**. = No, he/she/it **wasn't**. No, you/we/they **weren't**.	

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the 'BE' verb.

1. I _____ never good at learning languages at school, but Spanish _____ an exception.
2. A: How _____ the dish you had at that Chinese restaurant last night? B: It _____ great.
3. The cats _____ in their basket when I checked them. They _____ in the garden.
4. What _____ the name of that Italian museum in Pisa? I can't remember.
5. There _____ 3 million people at the Olympics in 2004.
6. Kate _____ at home when I rang the doorbell. She _____ at the hairdresser's.
7. There _____ an IKEA store in the town, so we were sad.
8. My sunglasses _____ very dirty. I couldn't see anything in them.
9. How far _____ the beach from the hotel? It _____ too far away, about 800 metres.
10. So many Russians _____ interested in the new exhibition. It was sold out in 24 hours.
11. Many of the shops _____ open on Sunday, so I couldn't buy new shoes.
12. Her dentist _____ ill so she had to call another dental surgery.
13. _____ the elephants outside when you visited the zoo? Yes, they _____.

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Answer key

1. was
   was
2. was
   was
3. were not / weren't
   were
4. was
5. were
6. was not / wasn't
   was
7. was not / wasn't
8. were
9. was
   was not / wasn't
10. were
11. were not / weren't
12. was
13. Were
    were



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