

1 There was/were

Make sentences. Use *There was/were/wasn't/weren't* with *some, any* or *a/an*.

- ✗ milk / in the bottle
There wasn't any milk in the bottle.
- ✓ hotel / opposite the park
.....
- ✗ boats / on the lake
.....
- ✓ old factories / near the river
.....
- ✗ guards / in the castle
.....
- ✓ accident / outside the town hall
.....
- ✗ food / on the table
.....
- ✓ fruit / in the kitchen
.....

2 There was / It was

Complete the sentences. Use *there was, there were, it was* or *they were*.

- There was a big dog in our garden this morning.
It was black with curly hair.
- The cottage was empty but
a light in the window.
- The village was very small.
25 houses, a little shop and a church.
- There was a campsite near the river.
..... a beautiful place.
- There was a market here this morning, so
..... a lot of people in the streets.
- We had our history and maths exams yesterday.
..... quite easy.
- There was an interesting programme on TV last
night. about life in the Stone
Age.
- The factory was on fire. a cloud
of black smoke in the sky.

3 Past continuous

Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous form of the verbs.

- I was watching a video when Melanie
phoned. (*watch*)
- At 7.30 last night we
dinner. (*have*)
- I could see Dave. He
a baseball cap and sunglasses. (*wear*)
- When I got up, Dad
breakfast downstairs. (*make*)
- I looked out the window. It was cloudy but it
..... . (*not rain*)
- The girls were upstairs, but they
..... their homework. (*not do*)
- you the
Internet five minutes ago? (*use*)
- What Greg
when you saw him? (*do*)

4 could/couldn't

Match the words in A with the words in B and make sentences.

- | A | B |
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| 1 I couldn't carry the bags | a but I couldn't see her. |
| 2 My grandmother could dance well | b because the hotel was very noisy. |
| 3 Mozart could play the piano | c because they were too heavy. |
| 4 Mrs Smith couldn't sleep | d but she couldn't sing. |
| 5 I could hear Lisa's voice | e because we didn't have a key. |
| 6 You couldn't see me | f when he was three years old. |
| 7 We couldn't open the door | g because she didn't have any money. |
| 8 Clare couldn't buy the CD | h because I was behind a tree. |
- 1 c 2 3 4 5 6 7 8