ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Was or Were? Subject-Verb Agreement Quiz in the Past (A2)

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Explanations

1. I ___ at home yesterday.
✔ **A) was**
With I, he, she and it we use was in the past.

2. They ___ very tired after the game.
✔ **A) were**
With you, we and they we use were.

3. The film ___ really good.
✔ **D) was**
The film is one thing (it), so we use was.

4. My friends ___ at the party.
✔ **B) were**
My friends is plural (they), so we use were.

5. ___ you at school last Monday?
✔ **C) Were**
With you we use were, for one person or more than one: Were you at school?

6. The shops ___ closed on Sunday.
✔ **D) were**
Shops is plural, so we use were.

7. It ___ cold last night.
✔ **A) was**
With it we use was.

8. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **D) We were late.**
With we we use were: We were late.

9. My grandmother ___ a nurse.
✔ **C) was**
My grandmother is one person (she), so we use was.

10. There ___ a lot of people at the concert.
✔ **B) were**
People is plural, so we say there were.

11. There ___ some milk in the fridge this morning.
✔ **B) was**
Milk is uncountable. Uncountable nouns take was: there was some milk.

12. The children ___ very quiet.
✔ **A) were**
Children is plural, so we use were.

13. Where ___ your keys?
✔ **B) were**
Keys is plural, so we ask Where were your keys?

14. Tom and I ___ in the same team.
✔ **C) were**
Tom and I means we, so we use were.

15. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **C) The test wasn’t difficult.**
The test is one thing, so we use wasn’t (was not). For more than one: The tests weren’t difficult.

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