

# Life Long Ago

A2 Level • Kids (6-10) • Reading & World • 30 Minutes

## What You Will Learn

- ✓ There was/were for past existence
- ✓ Was/were for descriptions
- ✓ Compare past and present
- ✓ Read about 3 historical periods
- ✓ Write about life 100 years ago

## Part 1: Then & Now

Past words: castle, horse and cart, candle, well, servant, knight, scroll, village, farm, handmade. Modern words: electricity, technology.

## Part 2: Reading — A Journey Through Time

Ancient Egypt (3,000 years ago): There were no cars or phones. People travelled by boat on the Nile. The Pharaoh was the most powerful person. Most people were farmers. Only rich boys learned to read. There wasn't any paper — they wrote on papyrus. They built pyramids without machines!

Medieval Europe (800 years ago): There were castles, knights and kings. There wasn't electricity — candles and fires for light. There weren't any shops — people grew food or traded at markets. Clothes were handmade. Children played with sticks and stones.

The 1920s (100 years ago): There were cars but they were slow and expensive. There wasn't any TV, computers or phones. People listened to the radio. There weren't any supermarkets. School was strict. There wasn't any internet — people wrote letters.

Comprehension: 1) Egypt travel? Boat on Nile. 2) Who read/wrote? Only rich boys. 3) Wrote on? Papyrus. 4) Medieval water? Wells and rivers. 5) Medieval toys? Sticks, stones, animal-skin balls. 6) TVs 100 years ago? No. 7) No internet → how communicate? Letters.

## Part 3: Describing the Past

There was + singular: There was a castle.  
 There were + plural: There were many farms.  
 There wasn't: There wasn't any electricity.  
 There weren't: There weren't any cars.  
 Was/Were for descriptions: Life was hard. People were farmers.

Long Ago	Today
There weren't any cars.	There are millions of cars.
There wasn't any electricity.	There is electricity everywhere.
People wrote letters.	People send messages on phones.
Clothes were handmade.	Clothes are made in factories.
Children didn't have tablets.	Children have tablets and laptops.

## Part 4: Grandpa's Stories

- M** What was life like when you were a child?  
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- G** Very different! No phones or computers.  
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- M** How did you talk to friends?  
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- G** Knocked on doors! One telephone in the whole house.  
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- M** Was there internet?  
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- G** No! We went to the library for information.  
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- M** What about TV?  
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- G** Only 3 channels! Black and white. Cartoons on Saturdays.  
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- M** What did you do for fun?  
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- G** Played outside all day! Climbed trees, built forts, rode bikes.  
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- M** Was school different?  
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- G** No computers in class. Wrote with pencils. Teacher was very strict!  
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**M** Some things were better before, some are better now!

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**G** The world changes, but grandpas telling stories never changes!

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## Part 6: Quiz

Q1. \_\_\_\_ a castle on the hill 500 years ago.

a) There were b) There is c) There was d) There are

Q2. \_\_\_\_ any phones 100 years ago.

a) There was b) There weren't c) There isn't d) There were

Q3. Life \_\_\_\_ very different from today.

a) were b) is c) was d) are

Q4. People \_\_\_\_ mostly farmers.

a) was b) is c) are d) were

Q5. \_\_\_\_ there any TVs in the 1920s?

a) Was b) Were c) Is d) Are

Q6. The Pharaoh \_\_\_\_ the most powerful.

a) were b) are c) is d) was

## Part 7: Life Long Ago

Word Box: was, were, wasn't, weren't, There was, There were, There wasn't, There weren't

1. \_\_\_\_\_ many castles in medieval Europe.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ any electricity 500 years ago.
3. Life \_\_\_\_\_ very different from today.
4. People \_\_\_\_\_ mostly farmers.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ any phones or computers 100 years ago.
6. The Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ the most powerful person.
7. School \_\_\_\_\_ fun because teachers were strict.
8. Children \_\_\_\_\_ allowed to talk in class.

## Part 8: Your Time Travel!

### Talk About the Past

Which period would you visit?

What was better long ago? What's better now?

Ask Was there/Were there questions.

What would you miss without electricity?

What will life be like in 100 years?

### Write About Life Long Ago

Imagine you travelled back 100 years. Write 6-8 sentences using there was/were!

*Example: I travelled to 1925. Life was very different! There weren't any phones or computers. People wrote letters because there wasn't internet. There were cars but they were slow. Most people walked or rode bicycles. There was a radio in every house but there weren't any TVs. School was strict — children weren't allowed to talk. I'm happy to live in the modern world!*

### Review Checklist

- I can use there was/were.
- I can use there wasn't/weren't.
- I can describe with was/were.
- I can compare past and present.
- I can write 6-8 sentences about the past.

**Well done! You can now describe life in the past and compare it with today!**

## Answer Key

### Quiz Answers:

1. c) There was
2. b) There weren't
3. c) was
4. d) were
5. b) Were
6. d) was

### Fill in the Blanks:

1. There were
2. There wasn't
3. was
4. were
5. There weren't
6. was
7. wasn't
8. weren't