UNIT 1
Lesson 2

Was he an actor?
Was he a scientist?

LESSON OBJECTIVE:
•   **Learn and practice the simple past of verb to be in yes/no questions.**

For Yes/No questions use the following structure: **WAS/WERE** + subject + complement.

Question	Verb to be **+** subject **+** complement Was he handsome?
Yes/No Answer	✓ Yes, He was. × No, He wasn´t.

Question	Verb to be **+** subject **+** complement Were their songs successful?
Yes/No Answer	✓ Yes, they were. × No, they weren´t.

In order to ask a question in simple past tense, was/were is placed at the beginning of the sentence.

Was he in the Beatles band?

Was he from England?

Was he married?

Was he the drummer?
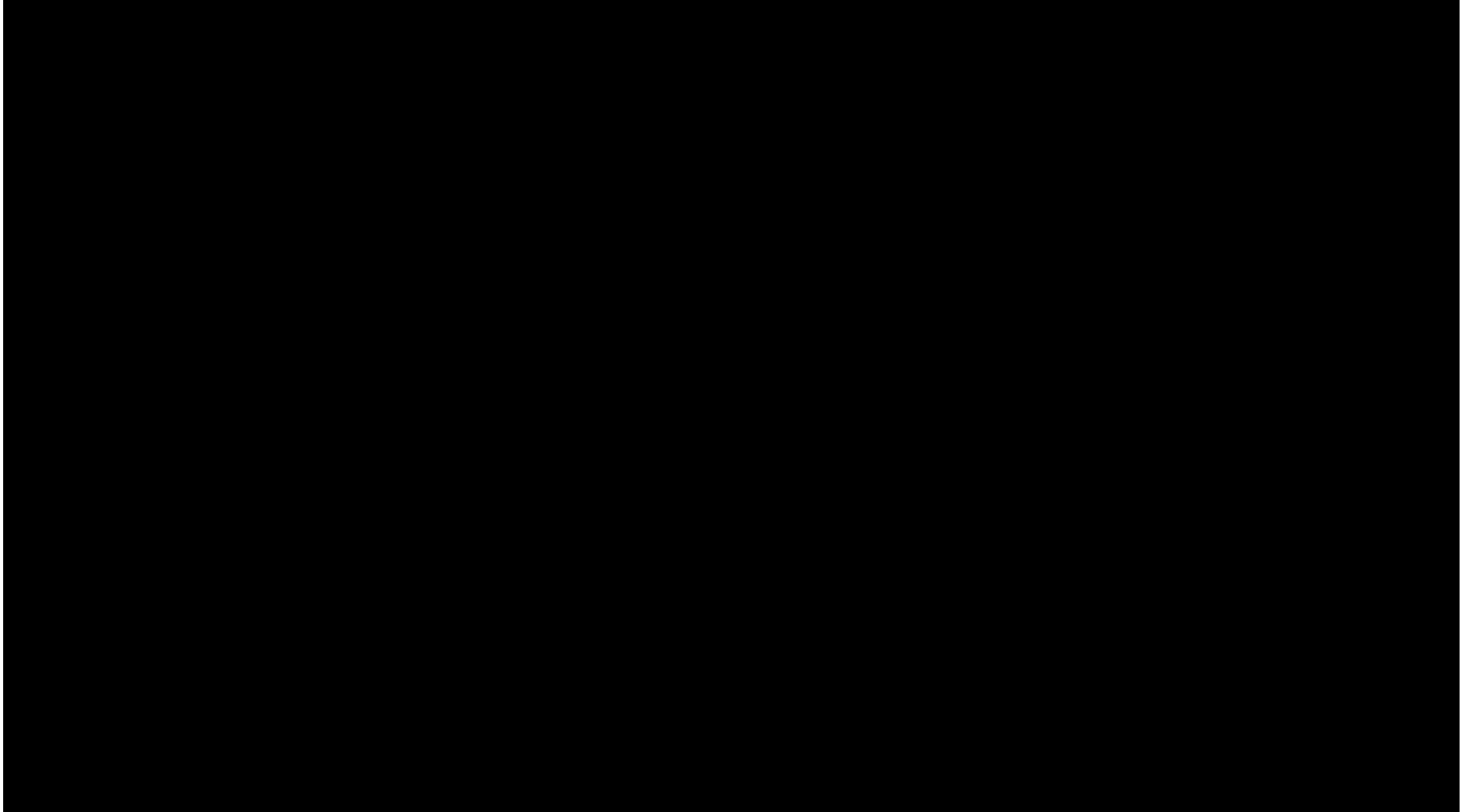
Was he a songwriter?

Was he ill when he died?

Was "la Bamba" his best song?

Listening Practice

Listen and Watch the video, then write 8 statements with the simple past of BE you hear about the Beatles.

Watch the video and answer the following quesitons.

Were they in a jazz band ? No, they weren't

Was the band from the 90's? No, it wasn't

Were they very popular in Germany and England? Yes, they were

Were they from USA ? No, they weren't

Were all of them teachers at the Liverpool Art Institute? No, they weren't

Was The Silver band the first name of the band? No, it wasn't

Was Ronald the real name of Ringo? No, it wasn't

Was Pete the first drummer? Yes, he was

Were the Beatles considered the best band on earth? Yes, they were

Grammar/Speaking Practice

Complete the following questions, then answer, use short yes/no answers with past of be.

Questions	Answers
Were you late to school yesterday?	No, I wasn't
Was the english test difficult?	Yes, It was
Were you on vacations last week?	No, I wasn't
Were your parents strict with you?	Yes, they were
Was the mall open last christmas?	No, It wasn't
Were you sick with Covid last year?	Yes, I was
Were your first pet a cat?	No, It wasn't

Grammar/Speaking Practice

Complete the following questions, then answer, use short yes/no answers with past of be.

Questions	Answers
Were you at home on Sunday afternoon?	Yes, I was
Were your parents born in this city?	No, they weren't
Were you in the shower at 7 o'clock this morning?	No, I wasn't
Was the movie avatar interesting?	Yes, It was
Was Vicente Ferandez from Saltillo?	No, he wasn't
Was Jenny Rivera a European Singer?	No, she wasn't
Were the students well behaved?	No, they weren't

Grammar/Speaking Practice

Unscramble the following questions, then answer, use short yes/no answers with past of be.

/ busy / was / yesterday / he / ?	Was he busy yesterday? No, he wasn't
/ interesting / the book/ was/?	Was the book interesting? No, it wasn't
/ last night / the TV/ was / on /?	Was the TV on last night? Yes, it was
/ the recepcionist / was/ kind / ?	Was the recepcionist kind? No, she wasn't
/were / his / clean / shoes / ?	Were his shoes clean? No, they weren't

Grammar/Speaking Practice

Your partner was on vacations last summer. Unscramble and ask him the following questions, then your partner will answer, using short yes/no answers with past of be.

1.- (the hotel / good)

Was the hotel good? Yes, it was

2.- (the weather / nice)

Was the weather nice? No, it wasn't

3.- (your room / comfortable)

Was your room comfortable? No, it wasn't

4.- (the streets/ full of people)

Were the streets full of people? Yes, they were

5.- (the shops / expensive)

Were the shops expensive? No, they were

6.- (the food / spicy)

Was the food spicy? No, it weren't

Grammar/Speaking Practice

Your partner was on a wedding last saturday. Ask him some questions about the wedding, then your partner will answer, using short yes/no answers with past of be.

1.- (the wedding / fun)

Was the wedding fun? Yes, it was

2.- (the copule/ happy)

Was the couple happy? Yes, they were

3.- (bride´s dress/ pretty)

Was the bride's dress pretty? Yes, it was

4.- (the cake/ big)

Was the cake big? Yes, it was

5.- (the parents / sad)

Were the parents sad? No, they weren't

6.- (the food / good)

Was the food good? Yes, it was

Grammar/Speaking Practice

Your partner was on a concert last week. Ask him some questions about it, then your partner will answer, using short yes/no answers with past of be.

1.- (the concert /crowded)

Was the concert crowded? Yes, it was

2.- (the sound/ clear)

Was the sound clear? Yes, it was

3.- (the lights/ bright)

Were the lights bright? Yes, they were

4.- (her outfits/ trendy)

Were her outfits trendy? Yes, they were

5.- (the tikets/ expensive)

Were the tikets expensive? Yes, they were