Past Simple Exercises with "Be"

Positive and negative sentences

A. Add the correct past simple positive form of "be"

Frank _____ in a good mood. → Frank <u>was</u> in a good mood.

1. I _____ at home yesterday.
2. He _____ my best friend at school.
3. They _____ in the kitchen.
4. You _____ very helpful.
5. We _____ in New York last week.
6. It _____ sunny on Saturday.
7. My sister _____ tired after work.
8. John and I _____ good tennis players.
9. The cups _____ on the table.
10. The dog at the park _____ cute.

B. Add the correct past simple negative form of "be"

They _____ at work. → They were not at work. *OR* They weren't at work.

11. My teacher _____ from France.
12. We _____ late.
13. You _____ excited.
14. Lisa and I _____ friends at university.
15. Frank and George _____ at the beach.
16. Thomas Edison _____ English.
17. That _____ my bag.
18. The men _____ lawyers.
19. The cat _____ hungry.
20. I _____ at the meeting this morning.

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Answers

A.

1. I **was** at home yesterday.
2. He **was** my best friend at school.
3. They **were** in the kitchen.
4. You **were** very helpful.
5. We **were** in New York last week.
6. It **was** sunny on Saturday.
7. My sister **was** tired after work.
8. John and I **were** good tennis players.
9. The cups **were** on the table.
10. The dog at the park **was** cute.

B.

11. My teacher **was not** from France. / My teacher **wasn't** from France.
12. We **were not** late. / We **weren't** late.
13. You **were not** excited. / You **weren't** excited.
14. Lisa and I **were not** friends at university. / Lisa and I **weren't** friends at university.
15. Frank and George **were not** at the beach. / Frank and George **weren't** at the beach.
16. Thomas Edison **was not** English. / Thomas Edison **wasn't** English.
17. That **was not** my bag. / That **wasn't** my bag.
18. The men **were not** lawyers. / The men **weren't** lawyers.
19. The cat **was not** hungry. / The cat **wasn't** hungry.
20. I **was not** at the meeting this morning. / I **wasn't** at the meeting this morning.

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