1. **Past simple of to be**

1. **Put in was-were**

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A: ...........................................................................................................................................
B: ...........................................................................................................................................

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