

Let's think ! BE au prétérit

Fiche de révision – 5^e

Objectif : savoir utiliser le verbe **BE** au **prétérit** (au passé) à la forme **affirmative**, **négative** et **interrogative**.

1. Conjugaison de **BE** au prétérit

Rappel : au présent, on dit *I am / you are / he is...*

Au **prétérit**, ces formes deviennent **was** ou **were**.

tablehead Personne	Forme de BE au prétérit
1 ^{re} pers. sing.	I was
2 ^e pers. sing.	you were
3 ^e pers. sing.	he / she / it was
1 ^{re} pers. plur.	we were
2 ^e pers. plur.	you were
3 ^e pers. plur.	they were

Règle importante :

- À la 1^{re} et à la 3^e personne du singulier, on utilise **was**.
- À toutes les autres personnes, on utilise **were**.

2. La forme **affirmative**

Structure :

Sujet + **was / were** + **complément**.

Exemples :

- *He **was** handsome.*
Il était beau.
- *Flags **were** red, black or white.*
Les drapeaux étaient rouges, noirs ou blancs.

3. La forme **négative**

Structure :

Sujet + **was / were** + **not** + **complément**.

Exemples :

- *He **was not** cruel. (He **wasn't** cruel.)*
- *Flags **were not** green. (Flags **weren't** green.)*

Règle : pour former une phrase négative, on ajoute **not** après **was / were**.

Contractions utiles : **wasn't** = was not, **weren't** = were not.

4. La forme **interrogative**

Structure :

Was / Were + **sujet** + **complément** ?

Exemples :

- **Was** he cruel? → He was (not) cruel.
- **Were** flags green? → Flags were (not) green.

Règle : pour former une question, on **inverse** le **sujet** et le verbe **was / were**.

5. Je m'entraîne

A. Souligne le sujet et surligne le verbe dans chaque phrase.

1. He was late.
2. They were tired.
3. She was happy.
4. We were at school.

B. Mets les phrases à la forme **négative.**

1. He was rich.

2. They were angry.

3. We were in the garden.

C. Mets les phrases à la forme **interrogative.**

1. He was tall.

2. You were sick.

3. They were in the park.

Astuce pour réviser :

Affirmatif : **Sujet** + **was / were** + **complément**

Négatif : **Sujet** + **was / were** + **not** + **complément**

Interrogatif : **Was / Were** + **sujet** + **complément** ?