

No, but ... (Speaking and grammar)

Description: A walk-around activity to practice answering questions using *was* and *were*.

Use with or after: *English Network 1 (New Edition)*, Unit 3, Step 1.

Skill: Speaking and grammar

Focus: Sentences with *was* and *were*, with various times in the past given as prompts, including years, days of the week and seasons.

Time: 15 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the second and third pages of this file, on stiff paper if possible. If you have more than sixteen students in your group, make an extra copy of one of the pages and use some of the items twice.
- Cut along the dotted lines, but do NOT cut on the wavy lines, since these are for folding.
- If you have fewer than sixteen students, use more or less equal numbers of sentences with *was* and *were*.

Procedure:

- Write *No, but ...* on the board and explain that in this exercise all the answers will start with these two words.
- Give each student one of the sixteen question cards and ask them to fold it on the wavy line. This way there will be a question and the appropriate answer on the front of the card, and a prompt in larger type on the back.
- Students stand up, walk around and talk to one other student at a time. At each encounter they ask the question on the front of their card, and show the other person the prompt on the back. Then they check to see that the other person gives the correct answer.
- Take a card yourself and do the exercise with them, so you can be available for questions or corrections.

<p>Is Anita here today? No, but she was here yesterday.</p>	<p>Are your friends in London today? No, but they were in London last Tuesday.</p>
<p>Are you very tired today? No, but I was very tired last night.</p>	<p>Are David and Ms Fleming at the trade fair? No, but they were at the trade fair this morning.</p>
<p>Is Bruce very busy this week? No, but he was very busy last week.</p>	<p>Are Bruce and David at the office today? No, but they were at the office on Wednesday.</p>
<p>Is Anita in Dresden now? No, but she was in Dresden last April.</p>	<p>Are Anita's cousins in America? No, but they were in America in nineteen ninety-nine.</p>

last Tuesday

this morning

on Wednesday

in 1999

yesterday

last night

last week

last April

<p>Are Bruce and David in Munich this year? No, but they were in Munich in two thousand and four.</p>	<p>Are Bruce and David at the bank? No, but they were at the bank at nine o'clock.</p>	<p>Are Anita and her mother in Paris now? No, but they were in Paris last summer.</p>	<p>Are Anita's aunt and uncle at home today? No, but they were at home on Thursday.</p>
<p>Is Bruce at the trade fair this year? No, but he was at the trade fair in two thousand and five.</p>	<p>Is Anita at the post office now? No, but she was at the post office at ten o'clock.</p>	<p>Is Ms Fleming in Chicago every year? No, but she was in Chicago in nineteen eighty-nine.</p>	<p>Is Anita's cousin in Auckland this month? No, but she was in Auckland last month.</p>
<p>in 2005</p>	<p>at 10:00</p>	<p>in 1989</p>	<p>last month</p>
<p>in 2004</p>	<p>at 9:00</p>	<p>last summer</p>	<p>on Thursday</p>