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## Linking Verbs – Past Tense (was, were)

When an action has already happened, the linking verbs **is, am and are** become **was and were**.

Examples:

**Present**  
I **am** working.  
You **are** working.  
He **is** working.

**Past**  
I **was** working.  
You **were** working.  
He **was** working.



a) Read each sentence. Choose the correct word in parentheses ( ) and write it in the blank.

1. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ hot yesterday. (is, was)
2. The car \_\_\_\_\_ washed last week. (is, was)
3. Jerry and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ walking to school when it rained. (are, were)
4. Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ given a new book. (was, were)

b) Write the past tense of these linking verbs.

**Present**

1. is helping
2. are working
3. am running
4. is walking
5. are talking



**Past**

- \_\_\_\_\_ helping
- \_\_\_\_\_ working
- \_\_\_\_\_ running
- \_\_\_\_\_ walking
- \_\_\_\_\_ talking

