

**When I was a child ...**



**Now**



When I was a child, there was a park and a river with a bridge across it. I think there was a café on the left and there were some trees and houses behind it. And twenty years ago there weren't these shops and the road in front wasn't busy with all these cars.

## Presentation

### Affirmative and negative

There	was	a	park.
	wasn't		
	were	some	houses.
	weren't	any	

### Yes/No questions

Was	there	a	park?
Were		any	houses?

### Short answers

Yes, there was/were.

No, there wasn't/weren't.

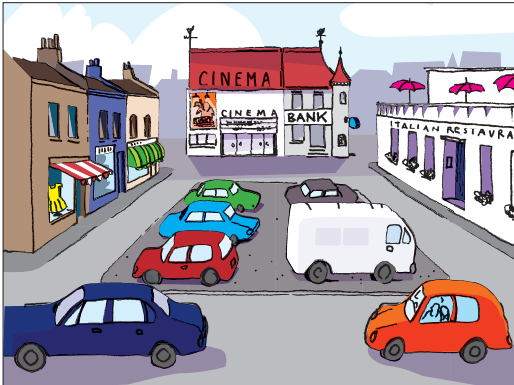
**Key vocabulary** Places in town: park, shop, café, road, cinema, pedestrian crossing, playground, bridge, skyscraper  
**Location:** in front, behind, on the left/right, near here, next to, in the middle, across

### 1 Complete the sentences with *there was*, *there were*, *there wasn't* or *there weren't*.

- 1 There was a cinema next to the post office.
- 2 When I was a boy, there were three houses here. Now it's an office block.
- 3 A: Was there a busy road here?  
B: No, there wasn't. It was quiet.
- 4 There was a shop but there was a café.
- 5 A: Were there houses or skyscrapers?  
B: When I was here two years ago, I think there were some skyscrapers.
- 6 A: Were there any trees next to the pond?  
B: No, there weren't.

### 2 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

Two years ago



Now



- 1 Was there a road here?
- 2 Was there a market in the square?
- 3 Was there a café next to the bank?
- 4 Were there any shops on the left?
- 5 Were there two restaurants on the right?
- 6 Was there a pedestrian crossing?
- 7 Was there an Indian restaurant?

Yes, there was.

No, there wasn't. There were cars.

### 3 Match 1-8 to a-h.

- 1 Was there a café ☐
- 2 When I was a student, there ☐
- 3 Last year there were ☐
- 4 Two years ago, I ☐
- 5 When I was child, ☐
- 6 Were there ☐
- 7 Was ☐
- 8 Was there a shop on the corner? No, ☐

- a there was a playground in the park.
- b ~~on the left?~~
- c there wasn't.
- d think there was a bank next to the cinema.
- e wasn't a library here.
- f two restaurants on the right.
- g there a car park here?
- h two bridges across the river?