**Note to staff:**

Students should always be corrected if they say ‘we was’. Interrupt them by modelling the correction: ‘We were’. Students generally repeat it and continue with the conversation. You don’t need to make a big fuss, just ensure you correct them every time.

See below as an example:

**Student: We was in Science earlier…**

**Staff: We *were***

**Student: Yeah, we *were* in Science and Miss gave us all three stars!**

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**Activity for Students**

**Was vs. were**

I was They **were**

He was You **were**

She was We **were**

**Complete the sentences with was / were**

1. You said you \_\_\_\_\_\_ going to call me last night.

2. The exercises weren´t easy, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ difficult.

3. My cousins weren´t at the park, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema.

4. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so excited when we heard the news!

5. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ the fastest boy in the race last night.

6. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trying to get in but the door was locked.

7. She \_\_\_\_\_ only late on Monday because of the traffic.

8. They \_\_\_\_\_ filling up their water bottles this morning.

9. Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday?

10. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ in ASDA this morning, I saw you buying milk

**Extension Task: ‘I were’**

**‘I were’ should be used for a hypothetical statement.**

“I were” should be used when you're talking about something that isn't true or you're being wishful.

E.g.: *I wish I were French.*

The word ‘if’ at the start if a sentence is often a clue.

E.g.: *If I were Headteacher next year, I would give all students free laptops*.

**Here are some more examples:**

If I were a billionaire, I would buy all my friends a mansion.

If I were younger, I would have much more energy.

I wouldn’t do that if I were you.

Complete the sentences with was / were

Hint: Is it a hypothetical or a real situation? If it could happen, you should use ‘was’. E.g. If I was top of the class, my mum would be so proud.

1. If my brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ my teacher, I would always be in detention.
2. I wouldn’t have heard the phone if I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.
3. If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to grow three feet more, I could be the best in the team.
4. (In the middle of December) I wish it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Summer.
5. (A very untidy person): If I \_\_\_\_\_\_ tidy, I wouldn’t be me!
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he alive, he’d be very proud of his Grandson.
7. If Ronaldo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to score, they’d definitely win the game.
8. If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ captain, I would motivate our team more.
9. (Girl): I wish I \_\_\_\_\_\_ a boy. Their lives seem much less complicated.
10. If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cat I’d spend the whole day chasing mice!

Answers

1. If my brother **were** my teacher, I would always be in detention.
2. I wouldn’t have heard the phone if I **wa**s in the garden.
3. If I **were** to grow three feet more, I could be the best in the team.
4. (In the middle of December) I wish it **were** Summer.
5. (A very untidy person): If I were tidy, I wouldn’t be me!
6. **Were** he alive, he’d be very proud of his Grandson.
7. If Ronaldo **was** to score tomorrow, they’d definitely win the game.
8. If I **was** captain, I would motivate our team more.
9. (Girl): I wish I **were** a boy. Their lives seem much less complicated.
10. If I **were** a cat I’d spend the whole day chasing mice.