

Lesson B I was a teacher.

1 Grammar focus: simple past of be

Use *was* with *I, he, she,* and *it*. Use *were* with *you, we,* and *they*.

QUESTIONS

Were you a student?
 Was he a student?
 Was she a student?
 Were you students?
 Were they students?

ANSWERS

I **was**. I **wasn't**. I **was** a teacher.
 he **was**. he **wasn't**. He **was** a teacher.
 Yes, she **was**. No, she **wasn't**. She **was** a teacher.
 we **were**. we **weren't**. We **were** teachers.
 they **were**. they **weren't**. They **were** teachers.



Watch

wasn't = was not | weren't = were not

2 Practice

A Write. Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences. Use *is, are, was, or were*.

JOB HISTORY FOR *Amy Cho*

2010 – present	<i>Nurse</i>
2005 – 2010	<i>Teacher</i>

1. She was a teacher before. Now she is a nurse.

JOB APPLICATION

Jane's experience

2015 – present	Manager
2010 – 2015	Cashier

2. She _____ a manager now. She _____ a cashier before.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

John and Jack's work history

2016 – present	Electricians
2010 – 2016	Students

3. They _____ students before. Now they _____ electricians.

JOB APPLICATION FOR Ben Liao

JOB HISTORY:

2009 – present	<i>Construction Worker</i>
2005 – 2009	<i>Server</i>

4. He _____ a server before. Now _____ a construction worker.

Employment history

Adam Hill

2017 – present	Nursing Assistant
2010 – 2017	Server

5. He _____ a server before. Now _____ a nursing assistant.

Work experience for

SARA AND RAUL LOPEZ

2015 – present	Managers
2010 – 2015	Cooks

6. Now they are _____ cooks before.

Listen and repeat.



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B Talk with a partner. Look at the pictures. Change the **bold** words and make conversations.

1. A Was **she** a **teacher**?

B Yes, **she** was.

2. A Were they **receptionists**?

B No, they weren't. They were **nurses**.



1. a teacher?



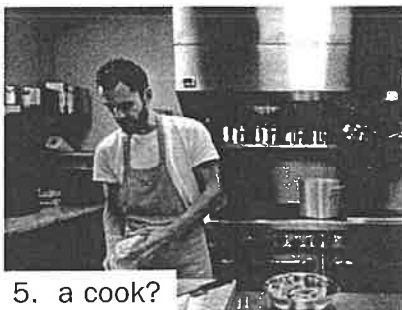
2. receptionists?



3. a server?



4. doctors?



5. a cook?



6. a cashier?

3 Communicate

Talk with three classmates. Complete the chart.



A Sylvia, what do you do now?

B Now? I'm a homemaker.

A Oh, really? Were you a homemaker before?

B No, I wasn't. I was a receptionist in a bank.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

In conversation, *What do you do?* means *What's your job?* or *What's your occupation?*

Name	Job now	Job before
Sylvia	a homemaker	a receptionist

Write two sentences about your classmates. Use information from the chart.

Sylvia is a homemaker now. She was a receptionist before.