

Language Tips

Encourage your child to use accurate grammar and complete sentences throughout the day.



Have your child tell about his/her day or past events. The places they went, things they did or saw. Demonstrate by telling about your day or describing your child's day with his/her help. Example: "When we got to the library, I was excited. After the library, we went to the ice cream shop. There were lots of toppings and flavors."

Definition:

Copula or "to be" verb = connects the subject (noun or pronoun) with other words that describe or explain more about the subject. A copula does not show action but describes the singular subject (was) or the plural subject (were).

Examples:

Was = tells about only one person, place, or thing (singular subject) in the past.

- *Tom* **was** seven.
- *The lion* **was** ready for dinner.
- *Dinner* **was** at six.

Were = tells about two or more people, places, or things (plural subject) in the past.

- *The boys* **were** smiling.
- *The classrooms* **were** empty.
- *The rivers* **were** cold.