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Maritime English Grammar

Lesson N 4

Lesson Four:

The Simple Past Tense

(Be : Was , Were)

The simple Past Tense is used principally to describe events in the past

1/Be : Was /Were in the positive ,negative and interrogative form:

Positive	Negative	Short Form Negative	Interrogative Form
I was	I was not	I wasn't	Was I ?
He was	he was not	He wasn't	Was he ?
She was	She was not	She wasn't	Was she ?
It was	It was not	It wasn't	Was it ?
We were	We were not	We weren't	Were we ?
You were	You were not	You weren't	Were you?
They were	They were not	They weren't	Were they?

*Examples:

1/Ten minutes ago the Captain and the Mate were on the bridge.

2/The Mate was angry because the two deck hands were not around.

3/It was midnight but I wasn't very sleepy.

4/Were you in the galley half an hour ago? No, was in my cabin.

5/Was the Captain angry about the mistake? Yes, he was very angry.

*Questions and Short answers:

-Was the Second Mate in his cabin?	Yes, he was	No, he was not (wasn't)
-Were the men ready to dock?	Yes, they were	No, they were not(weren't)
-Were you in the apprentice on the "Eva"?	Yes, I was	No, I was not (wasn't)
Was the captain's wife on board?	Yes, she was	No, she was not (wasn't)
Were you in the rescue team?	Yes , we were	No, they were not (weren't)

Practice:

1/Put in was/were in the blanks , and then put the sentence in the interrogative and negative.

Positive	Negative	Interrogative
I………………a Captain	………………a Captain	………………… a Captain?
You …………… a passenger	……………………………	……………………………?
He ……………… a cadet	……………………………	……………………………?
She ……………… a stewardess.	……………………………	……………………………?
It ………………… a cargo ship.	……………………………	……………………………?
We ………………… a sailors	……………………………	……………………………?
You ………………… a seamen.	……………………………	……………………………?
They ……………tankers	……………………………	……………………………?

2/Write Question:

1-the smoke/toxic   was the smoke toxic ?

2/the explosion very dangerous   ……………………………………..?

3/dangerous goods/ on fire   ………………………………….?

4/the ship/ in critical condition   …………………………………..?

5/the boat/ in danger of capsizing   …………………………………..?