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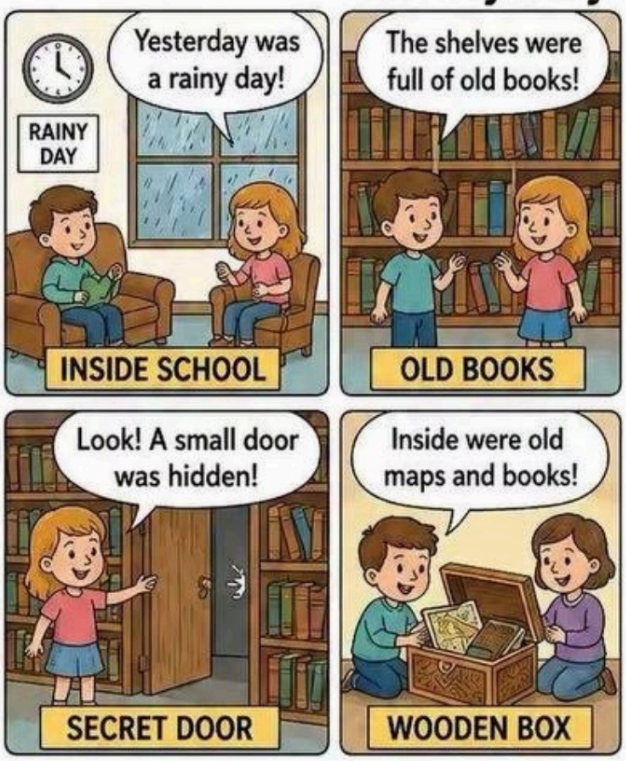
Past Simple (Was / Were) – Reading & Practice

The Mystery of the Old Library



Yesterday was a rainy day, so the kids were inside the school. Leo and Mia were in the school library. The room was quiet, and the big shelves were full of old books.

Mia looked for a picture book, but one shelf was loose. Behind the shelf, a small wooden door was hidden! The children were very happy and curious. They opened the door. Inside the dark space were two shiny keys and an old wooden box.

Leo was quick to open the box. Inside were old drawn maps and fun storybooks! Their teacher was happy when she saw the books, and the children were proud of them. It was a great day at school!

A. Choose the correct form (was / were):

1. Yesterday _____ a rainy day.
   (a) was (b) were (c) is
2. The kids _____ inside the school.
   (a) was (b) were (c) are
3. The big shelves _____ full of old books.
   (a) was (b) were (c) am
4. Mia and Leo _____ very happy.
   (a) was (b) were (c) is
5. The teacher _____ happy to see the books.
   (a) was (b) were (c) are

B. Answer the following questions:

1. Why were the kids inside the school? _____
2. What was hidden behind the shelf? _____
3. What was inside the wooden box? _____
4. How was the principal? _____

C. Choose the correct sentence:

1. (a) The library was quiet. (b) The library were quiet.
2. (a) Maps and books was inside the box. (b) Maps and books were inside the box.
3. (a) It was a great day. (b) It were a great day.

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