Workshop 20: Who Took the Cake?

Didier Herrera · Workshop 20

4.1	65 / 79	PASS
NOTA	points	pass is 3.0

Part by part

Part	Score	What happened
2c Rooms	**6 / 7**	Only *study* missed.
3a Regular / irregular	**11 / 12**	One verb swapped, one unreadable.
3b The inspector	**10 / 12**	Two questions used *Were* or *didn't*.
3c Negatives, questions	**4 / 6**	Both errors are *be* taking *did*.
4a there is / there are	**8 / 8**	All eight. Clean.
4b From the plan	**2 / 6**	Four sentences contradict the plan in Part 2.
4c Short answers	**2 / 5**	Same cause: answered without the plan.
4d There's or It's	**3 / 3**	All three pairs right.
5b True or false	**6 / 7**	Six of seven.
5c The questions	**4 / 4**	All four, in full sentences.
5d Who took it	**3 / 3**	Named the suspect, the time and the doubt. Excellent.
6 Your Saturday	**6 / 6**	Seven sentences, all past simple. Full marks.
Total	**65 / 79 = 4.1**	

What you did well

- Parts 5c, 5d and 6 are the best work on the paper. Full marks on all three. Your Saturday paragraph has seven sentences, every one in the past simple, and you varied the verbs: *was, watched, ate, did, listened, played, went*.
- In 5d you named the suspect, gave the time, and said why you were not certain. That is exactly what the question asked for.
- Part 4a is perfect, and 4d shows you can switch between *there's* and *it's*.

What to work on before the next workshop

- **Read the plan in Part 2 before you answer 4b and 4c.** Seven of your fourteen lost points are there, and the plan was on the page the whole time. The grammar in those sentences is right; only the facts are wrong.
- *be* never uses *did*. The past question is *Were they ... ?* and the past negative is *We weren't ...* , never *didn't be*.
- After *Did*, the verb is the plain form: *Did you hear?*, not *Did you heard?*
- In 3a, use only the verbs printed in the word bank. *finished* was the one left out.

What to fix

Lo que escribiste, y lo correcto.

Where	You wrote	It should be

2c.6	a desk and a computer = the office	**the study**
3a	listened / "term"	**finished — *listen* is not in the word bank**
3b.4	Were you heard anything?	**Did you hear anything?**
3b.10	didn't you open the fridge?	**Did you open the fridge?**
3c.2	Did They be in the garden?	**Were they in the garden?**
3c.7	We didn't be tired.	**We weren't tired.**
4b.2	There isn't a TV in the study	**There is a TV in the study.**
4b.3	There is a TV in the living room	**There isn't a TV in the living room.**
4b.4	There is a dishwasher in the kitchen	**There isn't a dishwasher.**
4b.6	There are pictures in bedroom 2	**There aren't any pictures in bedroom 2.**
4c.1	Yes, there's	**No, there isn't. (a shower, not a bath)**
4c.3	No, there isn't	**Yes, there is. (the living room has a fireplace)**
4c.5	Yes, there is	**No, there isn't. (there is no garage)**
5b.2	F	**T — the finca has no garage, so the sentence is true**

Notes for the teacher

- This workshop carries no printed points, so it was scored at one point per item, with 3 for 5d and 6 for Part 6, giving 79. Same scale as Adriana's.
- No answer key exists for Workshop 20; the key was derived from the printed questions and the Part 2 plan.
- One entry in the 3a irregular column is genuinely illegible and was marked wrong. If you can read it on the original, the total rises by one.
- Worth noticing: he and Adriana made the identical three errors in 4c and the identical error in 5b.2. It is a reading-the-plan habit, not a grammar gap, and one minute in class would fix it for both.

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In this workshop you will talk about the past with **was, were, could,** and many regular and irregular verbs. You will also describe a house with **there is** and **there are**, and with **a, an, some**, and **any**. You will learn words for the house, solve a mystery at a coffee farm in Colombia, write about your weekend, and make a video tour of your home.

Your plan for today

Part 1 Your book (Grammar Bank 8A and 8B)
Part 2 Rooms and things in a house (vocabulary)
Part 3 The past simple (grammar)
Part 4 There is and there are (grammar)
Part 5 Who took the cake? (reading)
Part 6 Where were you? (writing)
Part 7 Your video: Welcome to my home! (speaking project)

📖 Part 1 · Your Book

This part is in your book: **Grammar Bank 8A** (the past simple) and **8B** (there is and there are). Read the grammar notes and do the exercises for 8A and 8B. If you already did them in class, well done! Start with Part 2.

Quick recap

The past of be: I **was** at home. They **were** tired.
The past of can: I **could** hear a noise.
Regular verbs: watch → watched, like → liked
Irregular verbs: go → went, see → saw, have → had
There is / there are: **There's** a garage. **There are** some plants.

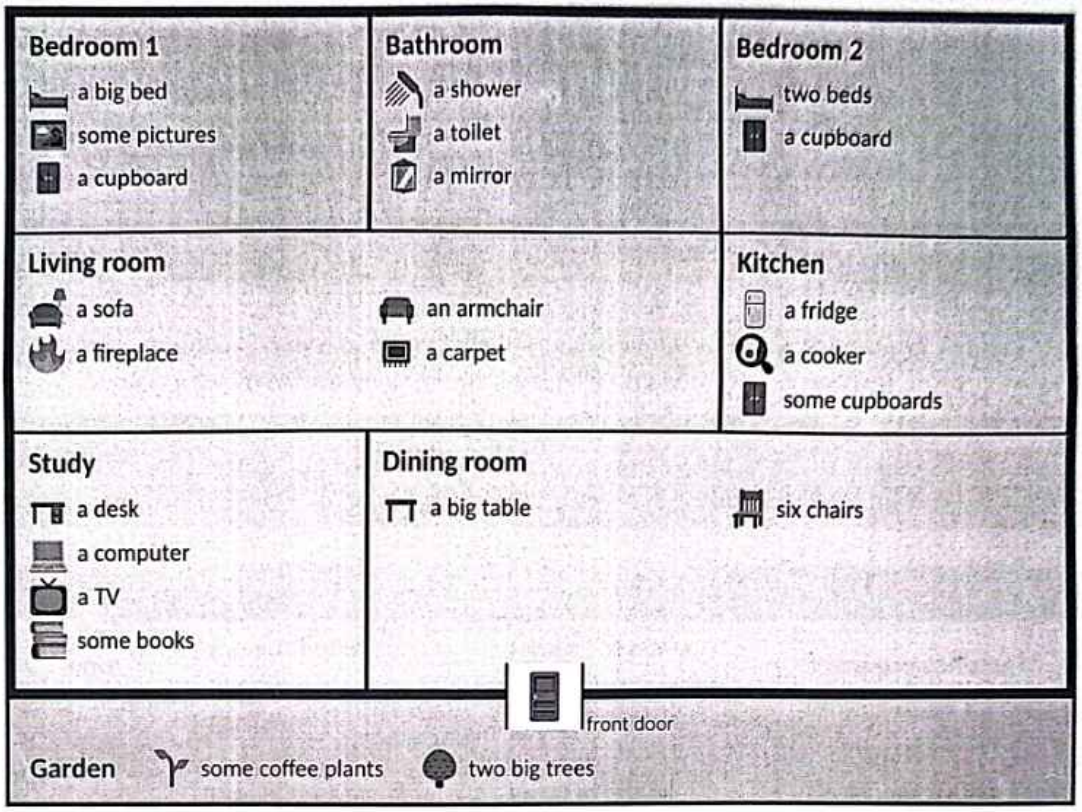
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Part 2 · Vocabulary: Rooms and Things in a House

a. The rooms

This is Finca El Roble, a small coffee farm near Salento. Look at the plan and learn the names of the rooms.

Finca El Roble



Another room: a garage = a room for a car.

b. Things in a house

Look at the pictures and learn the words.

a sofa	an armchair	a chair	a table	a carpet	a fireplace	a light
a bed	a cupboard	a mirror	a desk	a computer	a TV	a picture
a fridge	a cooker	a dishwasher	a bath	a shower	a toilet	a plant

*A **cupboard** is a place for plates, food, or clothes. A **cooker** is where you cook. A **dishwasher** is a machine that washes plates and cups.*

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c. Which room?

Where do we usually find these things? Write the room. Number 1 is an example.

1.	a bed	*the bedroom*
2.	a shower	the bathroom ✓
3.	a sofa and an armchair	the living room ✓
4.	a fridge and a cooker	the kitchen. ✓
5.	a car	the garage ✓
6.	a desk and a computer	the office ✗
7.	trees and flowers	the garden ✓
8.	a big table and six chairs	the dining room. ✓

Part 3 · Grammar: The Past Simple

Last Saturday, somebody took a birthday cake at Finca El Roble! Inspector Rojas wants to know where everybody was. To talk about it, we need the past simple.

THE PAST SIMPLE
We use the past simple for finished actions in the past: yesterday, last night, last Saturday.

	+	–	?
was / were (be)	I was at home. They were in the garden.	I wasn't at home. They weren't in the garden.	Were you at home? Was he in the garden?
could (can)	I could hear the dog.	I couldn't sleep.	Could you see the cake?
regular verbs	She watched TV.	She didn't watch TV.	Did she watch TV?
irregular verbs	He went to bed.	He didn't go to bed.	Did he go to bed?

- **Regular verbs:** add **-ed** or **-d**. watch → watched, arrive → arrived, like → liked
- **Irregular verbs:** the past is a different word. go → went, see → saw. Learn them!
- **was, were, could:** we do not use did. **Was** he at home? ✓
- **didn't and did:** use the normal verb. She didn't **go**. ✓ She didn't **went**. ✗

Words for the past: yesterday · last night · last Saturday · last week · two days ago · in 2020

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Irregular verbs in this workshop

be → was / were	can → could	do → did	go → went
have → had	see → saw	eat → ate	come → came
get → got	take → took	make → made	put → put
read → read (say "red")	hear → heard	sleep → slept	sit → sat
speak → spoke	find → found	say → said	send → sent
win → won	know → knew	think → thought	buy → bought

a. Regular or irregular?

Write the past simple of these verbs in the correct column. The first one is an example.

watch · go · arrive · see · want · have · like · sleep · cook · eat · finish · hear · talk

Regular (+ -ed or -d)	Irregular (a different word)
watched (example)	went ✓
arrived ✓	saw ✓
cooked ✓	slept ✓
listened ✗	had ✓
talked ✓	ate ✓
liked ✓	tam ✗
wanted ✓	heard ✓

b. The inspector asks questions

It is Sunday morning. Inspector Rojas talks to Andrés. Complete the conversation with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

Inspector Rojas: Good morning, Andrés. Where [1] were (be) you last night between 7.00 and 9.00? ✓

Andrés: I [2] was (be) in my bedroom. I [3] read (read) a book. ✓ ✓

Inspector Rojas: [4] Were you heard (hear) anything? ✗ ✗

Andrés: Yes, I [5] heard (hear) the dog. It [6] barked (bark) a lot. ✓ ✓

Inspector Rojas: What [7] did you do (do) at 8.00? ✓ ✓

Andrés: I [8] went (go) to the kitchen and I [9] had (have) a glass of water. ✓ ✓

Inspector Rojas: [10] didn't you open (open) the fridge? ✗ ✓

Andrés: No, I [11] didn't open (not open) it. And I [12] didn't see (not see) a cake! ✓ ✓

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c. Negatives and questions

Change the sentences. – = negative ? = question. Number 1 is an example.

1.	I watched TV. (–) → *I didn't watch TV.*
2.	They were in the garden. (?) → Did They be in the garden? ✗
3.	She could sleep. (–) → She couldn't sleep. ✓
4.	You went to the party. (?) → Did you go the the party? ✓
5.	He had a glass of water. (–) → He didn't have a glass of water. ✓
6.	Jorge watched the match. (?) → Did Jorge watch the match. ✓
7.	We were tired. (–) → We didn't be tired. ✗

Part 4 · Grammar: There Is and There Are

THERE IS / THERE ARE
We use there is and there are to say what is in a place.

	One thing	Two or more things
+	There's a garden.	There are some plants.
–	There isn't a garage.	There aren't any pictures.
?	Is there a shower?	Are there any books?
Answers	Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.	Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.

- **There's** = there is. We usually say **There's**. With are, we say the two words: **There are**.
- **a / an** + one thing: There's **a** sofa. There's **an** armchair.
- **some** + plural, in + sentences: There are **some** chairs.
- **any** + plural, in – and ? sentences: There aren't **any** chairs. Are there **any** chairs?
- **A list? Look at the first word:** There's **a bed** and two chairs. There are **two chairs** and a bed.

Be careful: There's or It's?
First we say that something is there. Then we talk about it with **it** or **they**.
There's a key on the table. **It's** the key to the kitchen.
There are three bedrooms. **They're** all small.

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a. Complete the sentences

Use There's, There are, There isn't, There aren't, Is there, or Are there.

1.	(+) There's	a fireplace in the living room. ✓
2.	(?) Are There	any towels in the bathroom? ✓
3.	(-) There isn't	a garage at the finca. ✓
4.	(+) There are	some cups in the cupboard. ✓
5.	(?) Is there	a TV in your bedroom? ✓
6.	(-) There aren't	any chairs in the garden. ✓
7.	(+) There are	two bedrooms and a study. ✓
8.	(+) There's	a sofa and an armchair. ✓

b. Look at the plan

Look at the plan of Finca El Roble in Part 2. Write true sentences, + or –. Number 1 is an example.

1.	plants / garden →	*There are some plants in the garden.*
2.	TV / study →	There isn't a TV in the study ✗
3.	TV / living room →	There is a TV in the living room. ✗
4.	dishwasher / kitchen →	There is a dishwasher in the Kitchen. ✗
5.	pictures / bedroom 1 →	There are pictures in bedroom 1 ✓
6.	pictures / bedroom 2 →	There are pictures in bedroom 2. ✗
7.	armchair / living room →	There is an armchair in the living room. ✓

c. Questions and short answers

Look at the plan again. Answer with Yes, there is / No, there isn't / Yes, there are / No, there aren't.

1.	Is there a bath in the bathroom? →	Yes, there's ✗
2.	Are there any books in the study? →	Yes, there are ✓
3.	Is there a fireplace in the living room? →	No, there isn't ✗
4.	Are there any chairs in the dining room? →	Yes, there are ✓
5.	Is there a garage? →	Yes, there is. ✗

d. There's or It's?

Complete with There's, It's, There are, or They're.

1.	There's	a cat in the garden.	It's	black and white. ✓ ✓
2.	There are	some coffee plants in the garden.	They're	very green. ✓ ✓
3.	There's	a big cake in the fridge.	It's	for Grandma Rosa. ✓ ✓

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Part 5 · Reading: Who Took the Cake?

a. Read the story



The mystery at Finca El Roble

Finca El Roble is a small coffee farm near Salento. There are two bedrooms, a kitchen, a dining room, a living room, a study, and a bathroom. There's a beautiful garden with some coffee plants and two big trees, but there isn't a garage. There's a TV in the study, but there isn't a TV in the living room.

Last Saturday, the family had a party at the finca. It was Grandma Rosa's 80th birthday. At 7.00 in the evening, Aunt Marta put a big chocolate cake in the fridge. At 9.00, she opened the fridge. The cake wasn't there!

Inspector Rojas, a friend of the family, was at the party too. On Sunday morning, she asked everybody: *Where were you last night between 7.00 and 9.00?*

 **Andrés (16)** *"I was in my bedroom. I read a book. At 8.00, I went to the kitchen and had a glass of water, but I didn't open the fridge."*	 **Camila** *"I was in the garden with Grandma Rosa. We talked a lot and we could see the stars. We didn't go into the house."*
 **Uncle Jorge** *"I was in the living room. I watched a football match on TV. It was a great match!"*	 **Paula** *"I was in the study. I worked on my computer and I sent some emails. I didn't hear anything."*

Who took the cake? Read again and look at the plan in Part 2!

b. True or false?

Circle T (true) or F (false).

1.	There are three bedrooms at the finca.	T (F)
2.	There isn't a garage.	T (F)
3.	Aunt Marta put the cake in the fridge at 7.00.	(T) F
4.	Camila and Grandma Rosa were in the house.	T (F)
5.	Andrés opened the fridge.	T (F)
6.	There's a TV in the living room.	T (F)
7.	Paula worked on her computer.	(T) F

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c. Answer the questions

1.	Where was Andrés at 8.00? He was in the Kitchen ✓
2.	What could Camila and Grandma Rosa see? They could see the stars ✓
3.	What did Paula do in the study? she worked on her computer and sent some emails ✓
4.	Where did Uncle Jorge watch the football match, in his story? He watched it in the living room ✓

d. 🔍 The big question

Who took the cake? How do you know? Write two or three sentences.

I think Andrés took the cake. He went to the Kitchen at 8:00, between 7:00 and 9:00 He said he didn't open the fridge, but he could be lying. ✓ 3/3

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Part 6 · Writing: Where Were You?

Inspector Rojas calls you. She asks: *Where were you last Saturday evening? What did you do? Write your answer in 6 to 8 sentences. Use the past simple.*

Example

Sofía, from Bogotá

Last Saturday evening, I was at home in Bogotá. At 7.00, I cooked rice and chicken. Then I had dinner with my sister. After that, we watched a film on TV. We didn't go out because it was cold and it rained a lot. I went to bed at 11.00, but I couldn't sleep!

Useful language

- I was at... / We were at...
- At 7.00, I... / Then I... / After that, I...
- I watched... / I cooked... / I talked to...
- I went... / I had... / I saw... / I ate...
- I didn't... / I couldn't...

Last saturday evening, I was at home with my family. At 7:00, I watched TV. Then, I ate dinner with my family. After that, I did my homework. At 9:00, I listened to music. Later, I played on my phone. I went to bed at 10:00 I had a good evening.

✓ 6/6

Check your text: ☐ was / were ☐ a regular verb (-ed) ☐ an irregular verb ☐ didn't / couldn't

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Part 7 • Your Video: Welcome to My Home!

Make a short video, 1 to 2 minutes long. Show us your home, or one or two rooms, and talk about them in English.

a. What to say

- Welcome to my home! This is my living room / kitchen / bedroom.
- There's a... / There are some...
- There isn't a... / There aren't any...
- Use the past simple too: Yesterday, I... here. / Last weekend, I... in this room.

b. How to make your video

1 Choose two or three rooms. Write some notes.
2 Practise two or three times before you film.
3 Film with your phone. Speak slowly and clearly.
4 Share your video on our class website, like your other videos.

c. Example

Hi! Welcome to my home. This is my kitchen. There's a big fridge, and there are some plants near the window. There isn't a dishwasher. Yesterday, I cooked arepas here for my family! And this is my living room. There's a sofa and there are two armchairs. Last night, I watched a film here.

You do not need to show all your home. One room is fine. You can also talk about photos of a house you like.

Can you...?

- ☐ talk about the past with was, were, and could
- ☐ use regular and irregular verbs in the past simple
- ☐ make negatives and questions with didn't and did
- ☐ describe a house with there is and there are
- ☐ use a, an, some, and any
- ☐ say the names of rooms and things in a house

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