Workshop 20 - Who Took the Cake? (past simple, there is / there are)

Erika Garibello · English workshop

73/79
PUNTOS

4.6
NOTA · APROBADO

How each part went

Section	Exercise	Score	
P2c	Which room?	**7 / 7**	
P3a	Regular or irregular?	**11 / 12**	
P3b	The inspector asks questions	**12 / 12**	
P3c	Negatives and questions	**6 / 6**	
P4a	Complete the sentences	**8 / 8**	
P4b	Look at the plan	**4 / 6**	
P4c	Questions and short answers	**4 / 5**	
P4d	There's or It's?	**3 / 3**	
P5b	True or false?	**7 / 7**	
P5c	Answer the questions	**3 / 4**	
P5d	The big question	**2 / 3**	
P6	Writing: Where Were You?	**6 / 6**	

Every correction, in one place

The same corrections are written in red next to each cross on your pages.

Item	You wrote	It should be
P3a.6	(blank - 'like' is in neither column)	**liked - Regular**
P4b.5	There are some pictures in bedroom .	**There are some pictures in bedroom 1.**
P4b.6	There aron't any pictures in bedroom.	**There aren't any pictures in bedroom 2.**
P4c.3	yes, there are	**Yes, there is.**
P5c.1	He was is his bedroom reading a book.	**He was in the kitchen.**
P5d.2	because he said wached the football match in the living room,	**because he said he watched the football match in the living room**

Not counted in the score

- Part 7 (Your video: Welcome to my home!). Listed in the plan on page 1 and not in the scan. The capture app's own counter burnt into page 7 reads 7/10 against nine pages delivered, so a page was lost at capture. Excluded from the denominator under conventions rule 3. It is a speaking and video project in any case: in Workshop 19, the comparable part is printed "not marked".

Notes on the marking

- NO teacher key exists for Workshop 20. The key is derived in _keys/DERIVED_W20_GRAMMARREVIEW.md from the printed prompts, the Finca El Roble plan on her page 2, the story on her page 7, and Workshop_19_ANSWER_KEY.docx, which teaches the same grammar. Every item could be settled; none is excluded for want of an answer.

• Her multiple choice in Part 5b is a large X drawn over the chosen letter, not a circle. That is her selection, not a deletion, and all seven are read that way. She has all seven right. On items 6 and 7 the two X marks are joined by one unbroken diagonal stroke running across the row boundary, but each mark is centred on its own letter: item 6 on F, item 7 on T.

• P3a.6 is the only blank on the paper. The verb "like" from the printed word bank appears in neither column, so it counts as wrong and stays in the denominator. The red correction is "liked", in the Regular column.

• P3a.7 "slep" is marked CORRECT. This exercise does not test spelling (contrast "Write the past simple. Watch the spelling" in Workshop 17), and a dropped final letter is the same class as "bathoom" for bathroom in the conventions. Her column placement is right. This is a call that could go the other way: if you would rather have the full "slept", Part 3a becomes 10 of 12 and the nota 4.6.

• P4b.5 and P4b.6 are marked WRONG for the missing numeral, and these are the two calls most worth your second look. She wrote "in bedroom ." and "in bedroom." where the printed cues say "bedroom 1" and "bedroom 2". The grammar is faultless in both. The numeral is what makes each sentence true, though: Bedroom 1 has pictures and Bedroom 2 does not, so without it the two sentences contradict each other. Marked wrong under the nothing-partial rule. If you let both through, the total is 75 of 79 and the nota 4.7.

• P4c.3 is wrong on number, not on sense: "Is there a fireplace...?" is singular and takes "Yes, there is". She used "yes, there are" for every one of her three affirmative short answers, so this is one habit rather than three mistakes, and it cost her only this item.

• P5c.1 is wrong. The question asks where Andres was AT 8.00, and at 8.00 he went to the kitchen for a glass of water. The bedroom is where he was before that. Marked on sense, as comprehension is, and the sense is not right.

• P5d is scored out of 3 (the task asks for "two or three sentences"): one mark for naming the right person, one for the evidence, one for the evidence sentence being correctly formed. She names Uncle Jorge and gives exactly the right evidence, which is the whole point of the page. She loses the third because "he said wached the football match" is missing its subject: "he said he watched".

• Part 6 is scored out of 6, the floor of the "6 to 8 sentences" the task asks for, one mark per correctly formed past-simple sentence. She gets all six. Her six are joined by commas rather than full stops, which is a missing full stop and not an error (conventions rule 7). All four printed "Check your text" conditions are met, although she ticked none of the boxes. The stray single letter between "and" and "I" on the last line is not crossed out and is not marked.

• Letterform habits never marked wrong: back-to-front question marks (all four are present, in Parts 3c and 5), closed G reading as 6, t and k alike, undotted i, and u and v formed alike ("Satvrday", "eucning", "mouie", "liuing", "wery"). "Garder" in P2c.7 and "aron't" in P4b.6 are read as garden and aren't.

• Capitalisation is inconsistent at the start of ten answers and is not marked anywhere (conventions rule 6). Worth a line on the cover sheet as a pattern rather than ten corrections.

• Worth saying on the cover sheet: full marks on the rooms, on the inspector's twelve past-simple gaps, on negatives and questions, on all eight there is / there are forms, on There's versus It's, on all seven true-or-false items, and on the six-sentence writing. Everything she lost is in four places: one blank verb, two missing bedroom numerals, one singular short answer, and one comprehension question about the time.

Workshop 20: Who Took the Cake? 🔍🎂

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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

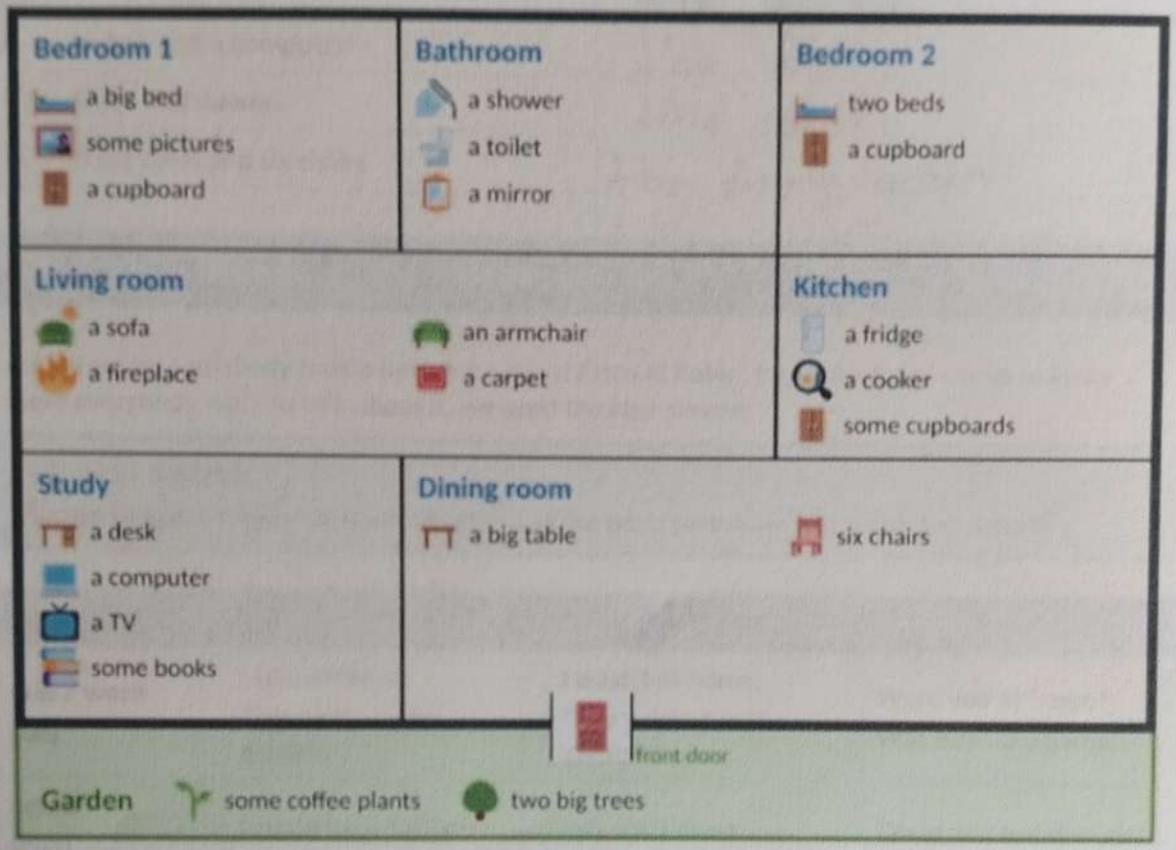
The past of be: I **was** at home. They **were** tired.
The past of can: I **could** hear a noise.
Regular verbs: watch → watched, like → liked
Irregular verbs: go → went, see → saw, have → had
There is / there are: **There's** a garage. **There are** some plants.

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 **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.*

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 study ✓
7.	trees and flowers	the garder ✓
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

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 (go) ✓
arrived (arrive) ✓	saw (see) ✓
wanted (want) ✓	had (have) ✓
cooked (cook) ✓	slep (sleep) ✓
finished (finish) ✓	ate (eat) ✓
talked (talk) ✓	heard (hear) ✓
✗ liked - Regular	

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] Did you hear (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] Did 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! ✓ ✓

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. (?) → Were they in the garden?
3. She could sleep. (-) → she couldn't sleep.
4. You went to the party. (?) → Did you go to 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 weren't 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.

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 is a TV in the study
3. TV / living room → There isn't a TV in the living room.
4. dishwasher / kitchen → There isn't a dishwasher in the kitchen.
5. pictures / bedroom 1 → There are some pictures in bedroom.
6. pictures / bedroom 2 → There aren't any pictures in bedroom.
7. armchair / living room → There is an armchair in the living room.

4b.5 There are some pictures in bedroom 1.

4b.6 There aren't any pictures in bedroom 2.

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? → No, there isn't
2. Are there any books in the study? → yes, there are
3. Is there a fireplace in the living room? → yes, there are

Yes, there is.

4. Are there any chairs in the dining room? → yes, there are
5. Is there a garage? → No, there isn't

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.

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?
5c.1 He was in the kitchen.
He was is his bedroom reading a book. ✗

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 in the living room. ✓

d. 🔍 The big question

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

Uncle jorge took the cake, because he said wached ✓ the football match in the living room, but there is not ✗ a tv in the living room, it is in the study, his ✓ story is a lie.

5d.2 because he said he watched the football match in the living room

✍ 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 in my house, at 7:00, I cooked dinner for my brother, After that, we ate pizza and talked in the living room, At 8:30, I watched a funny movie on tv, I didn't go out because I was tired, I went to bed at 10:30 and I slept very well.

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