Workshop 20: Who Took the Cake?

Adriana Garcia · Workshop 20

4.3	68 / 79	PASS
NOTA	points	pass is 3.0

Part by part

Part	Score	What happened
2c Rooms	**7 / 7**	All seven rooms right.
3a Regular / irregular	**12 / 12**	Every verb sorted and spelled correctly.
3b The inspector	**12 / 12**	Perfect, including every *Did ... ?*
3c Negatives, questions	**4 / 6**	Two kept a past verb after *Did*.
4a there is / there are	**8 / 8**	All eight.
4b From the plan	**5 / 6**	Only the dishwasher is not on the plan.
4c Short answers	**2 / 5**	Three answers do not match the plan. Look again.
4d There's or It's	**3 / 3**	All three pairs right.
5b True or false	**6 / 7**	Six of seven.
5c The questions	**3 / 4**	Good, full sentences.
5d Who took it	**2 / 3**	Right suspect, right reason, but one sentence not three.
6 Your Saturday	**4 / 6**	Good past simple. Four sentences where six were asked.
Total	**68 / 79 = 4.3**	

What you did well

- Part 3 is almost faultless: the whole inspector conversation, every irregular past form, and both *didn't* sentences at the end.
- Part 4a and 4d are perfect. You have *there is* / *there are* and you know when to switch to *it's* / *they're*.
- You named the right suspect in 5d and gave the reason from the text.

What to work on before the next workshop

- **After *did*, the verb goes back to its plain form.** *Did Jorge watch?*, not *Did Jorge watched?* That is 3c.6.
- *was* and *were* never take *did*. The question is just *Were they ... ?* That is 3c.2.
- Parts 4b and 4c ask you to read the plan in Part 2 first. Five of your six lost points there come from answering from memory instead of looking.
- When the task says six to eight sentences, write six. Yours were good; there were just not enough of them.

What to fix

Lo que escribiste, y lo correcto.

Where	You wrote	It should be

3c.2	Did they were in the garden?	**Were they in the garden? (*be* never uses *did*)**
3c.6	Did jorge wached the match	**Did Jorge watch the match?**
4b.4	there is a dishwasher in the kitchen	**There isn't a dishwasher in the kitchen.**
4c.1	yes, there is	**No, there isn't. (the bathroom has a shower, not a bath)**
4c.3	No there isn't	**Yes, there is. (the living room does have a fireplace)**
4c.5	yes, there is	**No, there isn't. (there is no garage at the finca)**
5b.2	F	**T — the finca has no garage, so the sentence is true**
5c.1	Andres was in the room	**He was in the kitchen at 8.00.**

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. Split: 2c 7 · 3a 12 · 3b 12 · 3c 6 · 4a 8 · 4b 6 · 4c 5 · 4d 3 · 5b 7 · 5c 4 · 5d 3 · 6 6 = 79.
- No answer key exists for this workshop, so the key was derived from the printed questions and the Part 2 plan. Parts 4b, 4c and 5b were all checked against the plan twice.
- In 3a she wrote the irregulars as *go — went* pairs rather than the past form alone. Marked correct: every past form is right.

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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.

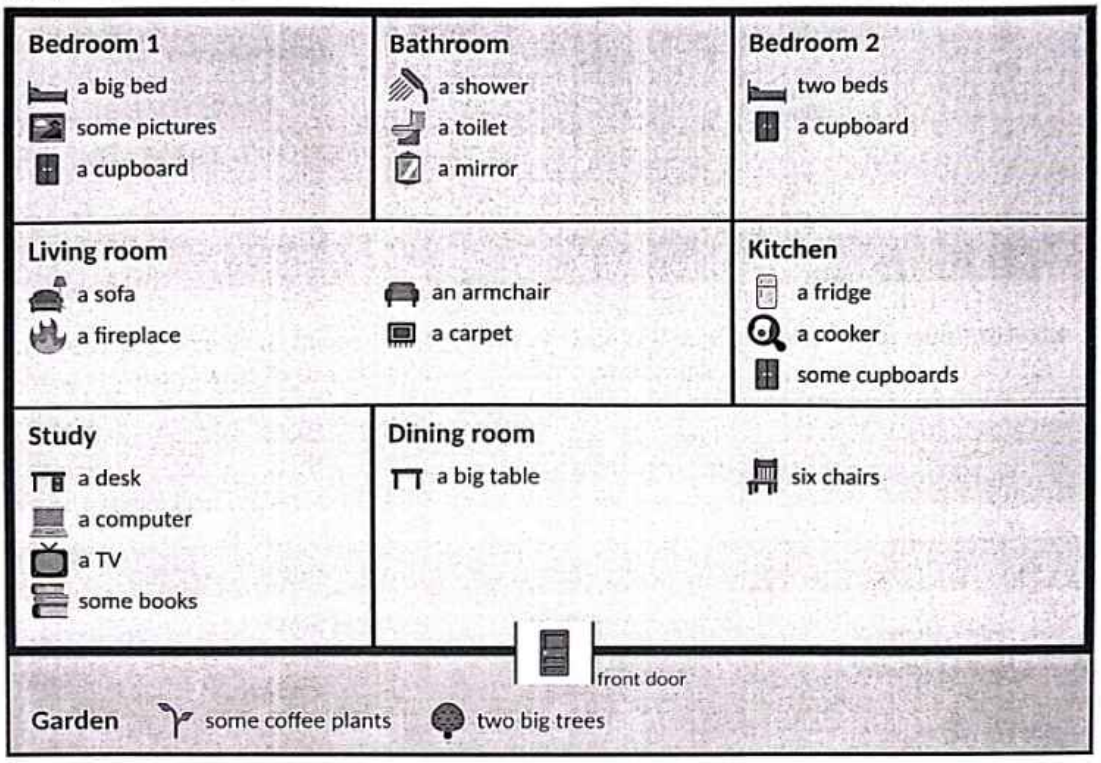
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Part 2 · Vocabulary: Rooms and Things in a House

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 study ✓
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)	
arrived ✓	go – went ✓
wanted ✓	see – saw ✓
liked ✓	have – had ✓
cooked ✓	sleep – slept ✓
finished ✓	eat – ate ✓
talked ✓	head – 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] 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! ✓ ✓

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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 were 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 wached 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.

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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's a tv in the study ✓
3.	TV / living room →	there isn't a tv in the living room ✓
4.	dishwasher / kitchen →	there is 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 ✓

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 is ✗
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? Andres was in the room ✗
2.	What could Camila and Grandma Rosa see? They saw the stars ✓
3.	What did Paula do in the study? she worked on her compoter and send 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.

It could have been Andres who walked into the kitchen, but he also said that he hadn't opened the refrigerator. ✓ 2/3

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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...

Saturday night at 7:00, I got home from work and talked to my children for a bit, and then took a shower at 8:00. Then we had vegetable soup. I lay down to rest at 10:00pm, and we watched TV together as a Family for a while.

✓ 4/6

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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