

Questions With the Past of *Be*

A Reading and Writing Activity

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEACHER

In this reading and writing activity, students will practice asking and answering questions using the past tense of *be*. Review the grammar frames on page 87 of *Spectrum Book One* before beginning this activity.

Make one copy of the following worksheet for each student. Students may choose to work in pairs, small groups, or individually.

For Part One, explain that the students must prepare questions for the answers that are written (the first one is done for them). The answers are taken from the dialogs on pages 82 and 83 of *Spectrum Book One*. If some students finish before others, tell them to think of additional questions about the dialogs and to write them in their notebooks.

For Part Two, students will write answers to the questions asked. The answers can be found in the dialogs on page 88 of *Spectrum Book One*.

After all students are finished the worksheet, go over the answers. Refer to the answer key provided, but keep in mind that answers may vary. You may want to write the best (or most creative) questions from Part One and answers to Part Two on a chalkboard.

Variation: (Speaking and Listening Task)

1. Instead of handing out copies of the worksheet, read aloud the answers to Part One and the questions in Part Two to the class.
2. Students work in small groups to find the question or answer.
3. Have each group write their questions and answers on a chalkboard.
4. Review the questions and answers and make necessary corrections.

Questions with the Past of *Be* Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Part One

Look at the dialogs on pages 82 and 83 of *Spectrum* Book One. Write questions that go with the answers.

QUESTIONS

1. What was on the floor.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ANSWERS

- The wallet was on the floor.
- Mrs. Kelly and the clerk were on the telephone.
- Her next appointment is on Tuesday, April 6th at 10 o'clock.
- She was worried because she lost her wallet.
- Mrs. Kelly's day was not bad.

Part Two

Read the dialogs on page 88 of *Spectrum* Book One. After you have read them, answer the following questions. Give full answers.

QUESTIONS

1. What were the names of the two people trying out for the commercial?
2. When was Carolyn's appointment?
3. Who was Vicky Wu?
4. What were Carolyn and Bob reading?
5. What did *All-Bright* do to the shirts?

ANSWERS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Answer Key

The following are possible responses to the exercises on the Student Worksheet. Answers will vary.

Part One

2. Who was on the telephone?
3. When is Mrs. Kelly's next appointment?
4. Why was Mrs. Kelly worried?
5. How was Mrs. Kelly's day?

Part Two

1. Their names were Carolyn Duval and Bob Velez.
2. Carolyn's appointment was at ten o'clock.
3. Vicky Wu was Mr. Anderson's assistant.
4. Carolyn and Bob were reading a script.
5. *All-Bright* made the shirts white.