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English in Action

There was/were



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Bolam

안녕하세요. English in Action에 오신 것을 환영합니다. 저는 손보람 입니다. 오늘은 과거 일에 대해 얘기할 때 쓸 수 있는 표현을 배워보도록 하겠습니다. 오늘도 Phil과 함께 할게요 Hello Phil!

Phil

Hello everyone!

Bolam

오늘 주제는 뭐예요?

Phil

Today we are going to be talking about what things were like in the past, so I asked people to talk about the first house they lived in.

Bolam

좋은 생각이네요. 오늘은 누구와 제일 먼저 얘기했나요?

Phil

Well, first I asked Sam how her first house compared to where she lives now.

Sam

There was a bigger garden. There were more rooms. There was a better view. It was over a valley and a river. There were fewer neighbours, so it was quieter.

Phil

It sounds like it was nicer. What language should we look at?

Bolam

여기서 중요한 표현은 바로 there was와 there were 입니다. 과거에 있었던 것을 말할 때 쓰는 표현이죠?

Phil

So, what's the difference between them?

Bolam

간단합니다. There was는 뒤에 나오는 것이 단수일 때 씁니다. 'There was a bigger garden' 그리고 there were는 뒤에 복수가 나올 때 씁니다. 'There were more rooms' 이렇게요.

Phil

Thanks... now let's see how Dan's first house compares.

Dan

It was loud, because it was next to a police station. It was small. There weren't many rooms so there wasn't much space. There was a small balcony.

Phil

So, quite a different house - is the language different as well?

Bolam

이번에는 부정문이라는 것 빼고 쓰인 문법은 Sam이 표현과 같네요. 부정문을 만들 때는 not만 붙여주면 됩니다.

Phil

And how do you put that in a sentence?

Bolam

Dan은 'there wasn't much space' 공간이 많이 없었다 라고 했는데요. 'Wasn't', 'was not'의 줄임말이죠? 'There weren't many rooms' 방이 많이 없었다 라는 뜻인데요. 'Weren't', 'were not'의 줄임말입니다.

Phil

Ok, thanks - now listen to Tom.

Phil

Were there as many neighbours as you have now?

Tom

No there weren't, it was a small town, but there were more neighbours that I knew.

Phil

Ah, it was in a small town, so was there a big garden?

Tom

Yeah, there was.

Phil

So, what did we have there?

Bolam

이번에는 의문문이네요. Tom에게 이렇게 질문했습니다. 'Was there a big garden?' '큰 정원이 있었어요?' 'Were there any as many neighbours?' '이웃이 지금 많금 많이 있었나요?' 이렇게 there와 was, were의 자리를 바꿔서 의문문을 만들었습니다.

Phil

Thanks, now let's see how much you can remember with this test! I want to talk about the house that I grew up in. I want to talk about the big living room, and I want to talk about the three bedrooms upstairs, and that it didn't have a bathroom upstairs. How can I say that using there was and there were?

Bolam

여러분은 어떻게 생각하세요? Phil이 자랐던 집에 대해 설명하려고 하네요. 큰 거실과 윗층에 있었던 3개의 침실 그리고 윗층에는 화장실이 없었던 것 등을 말하려고 하네요. There was there were 모두 사용해서 한 번 말해볼까요?

Phil

Ready?

Bolam

준비되었죠?

Phil

There was a big living room, and there were three bedrooms upstairs. There wasn't a bathroom upstairs.

Bolam

맞추셨나요?

Phil

If you got that, fantastic. Right, let's stop here, was there something you didn't know before the programme that you do now?

Bolam

당연하죠. 오늘 함께 배운 것들 정리해볼게요. There was, there were를 사용해 과거에 있었던 것을 얘기해보았습니다. 다음시간에도 English in Action에서 함께해요. Bye!

Phil

Bye!