

New Elementary 2
Unit 4, Lesson A: Pronunciation
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Was:

- Weak Pronunciation → /wəz/ → /ə/ بسیار نرم
- Strong Pronunciation → /wʌz/ → /ʌ/ آ کوتاه

Were:

- Weak Pronunciation → /wɜr/ → /ə/ بسیار نرم
- Strong Pronunciation → /wɜ:r/ → /ɜ:/ ار

We usually pronounce “was” or “were” weakly in affirmative statements and questions.

Examples:

He was happy last night. => an affirmative statement

Was she shy as a child? => a yes/no question

When was he absent? => a WH question

We usually pronounce “was” or “were” strongly in negative statements and short answers.

Examples:

He wasn't sad last night. => a negative statement

Yes, he was. => a short answer

Source:

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