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Part Four - Jack Will
Grammar

When writing a sentence, sometimes it can be tricky to know when to use the word *was* versus the word *were* to describe the subject of the sentence. *Were* is commonly used when the subject of the sentence is plural (more than one person, place, thing, idea) in the past tense, and *was* is commonly used when the subject of the sentence is singular (one person, place, thing, idea) in the past tense.

Examples:

The Beecher Prep students *were* shocked to see Auggie on the first day of school.
(plural subject)

Via *was* thrilled when Auggie was born.
(singular subject)

Directions: For the following sentence, determine whether the verb of the sentence should be *were* or *was*.

1. Mr. Tushman _____ nervous to introduce other students to Auggie.
2. The boys in the cafeteria _____ afraid to catch The Plague.
3. Auggie's parents _____ scared to send him to school.
4. Jack Will _____ suspended when he punched Julian.
5. Summer _____ excited to laugh with Auggie during lunch.
6. Savanna's friends _____ curious to see Summer at the Halloween party.
7. Justin _____ cautious when he entered Via's house.
8. The Pullman's house _____ full of cool stuff.
9. August _____ excited to play four square.
10. Julian's friends _____ unkind to Jack Will.