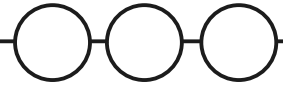




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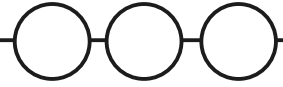
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Write four of your own sentences, like the examples above, which use the verbs *was* and *were* correctly.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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