

Reading Comprehension: Simple Past

A. Read the text and choose the correct answer to the questions.

1. How did Felix become an environmental super star?
 - a. He spoke in English
 - b. He started a project on climate change.
 - c. He planted a tree
2. Who is Wangari Maathai?
 - a. A Kenyan teacher
 - b. His sciences teacher
 - c. An environmental activist



Do you have the Felix Factor?

When Felix Finkbeiner was 13 years old, he made a speech at the United Nations in New York. He spoke in English and his message was simple – save the world's forests. How did a boy from Germany become “an environmental superstar”?

The story starts in 2007 when Felix did a project on climate change at his elementary school in Starnberg, near Munich in Germany. He saw some information online about Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan woman. She started a tree-planting campaign in 1977 and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Felix thought her campaign was interesting, and he decided to talk about it in class.

His presentation was a success, and he gave the same presentation to other classes. Two months later, Felix planted his first tree and started a campaign to plant a million trees. He called his campaign “Plant for the Planet.”

Students at other schools joined the campaign. Together they planted 50,000 trees in Germany. They made a website for the campaign, and soon other countries began taking part. They wanted to meet Felix, so he started to give presentations outside the country. In November 2008, he spoke to the European Parliament.

At the beginning of 2011, the International Year of Forests, Felix made his speech at the United Nations. He asked world leaders to “stop talking – start planting.” In the same year, his campaign reached its goal of planting one million trees in Germany. He also traveled to Kenya and met Wangari Maathai. And it all began with a school project.

3. What is “Plant for the Planet”?
 - a. Felix’s environmental campaign
 - b. A world school project
 - c. Wangari’s campaign
4. How many trees did they plant in Germany when the schools joined the campaign?
 - a. Fifteen thousand trees
 - b. Fifty thousand trees
 - c. Fifty million trees
5. What did we celebrate in 2011?
 - a. The International Year of Forests.
 - b. Wangari’s Nobel Prize
 - c. The European Parliament session
6. What does Felix want the world leaders to do?
 - a. To give more speeches about climate change
 - b. To fight for world peace
 - c. To take action to save the environment
7. According to the text Wangari Maathai...
 - a. Taught Felix how to be an environmental star
 - b. Inspired Felix to start a project
 - c. Met Felix before he started his campaign

B. Write the verb you listen. Repeat.

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