

READING EXERCISE – SIMPLE PAST

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Exercise 1. Read the following paragraph.

Origin of the Universe and the Planet

The most **accepted** theory that explains the origin of the universe states that it all **started** 14 billion years ago. Back then, there was a **tiny** particle, like an atom, which was very hot and dense. This particle **exploded** causing the universe to form; matter **started** to expand and **created** millions of galaxies. The galaxy we live in is **called** the Milky Way.



Our planet is approximately 4.5 billion (4,567,000,000) years old. Its origin is still a mystery today, but some theories exist. The “Core Accron Theory” states that at the beginning, our solar system **was** rotating **dust** and gases. Then, the primitive sun’s gravity **attracted** these materials and they all started **spinning** around it. Some clouds **formed** and **became** solids. Our planet was formed by a solid metal core, a liquid **mantle** and a thin but hard crust.

Exercise 2. Vocabulary: Match the words with their meanings.

1. dust	(.....)	a. the thing that forms physical objects and occupies space.
2. spin	(.....)	b. fine powder made from a particular substance
3. mantle	(.....)	c. very small.
4. tiny	(.....)	d. the middle layer of the Earth that is between the top crust and the inner core.

Exercise 3. Reading Comprehension: Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE? Answer.

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| 1. A theory about the origin of the universe states started two billion years ago. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. The galaxy we live in is called the Milky Way. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. Our planet is approximately 4 billion years old | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. Our solar system was rotating dust and gases according to the “Core Accron Theory”. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. Our universe was formed by a solid metal core, a liquid mantle and a thin but hard crust. | TRUE | FALSE |