

The Clipper Race

(Simple past Negative & affirmative)

- Each sentence 1-8 has **UNDERLINED** mistakes. For each sentence,
a) Rewrite the sentence in the negative. b) Rewrite the sentence in full, correcting the mistake.

- Last year, the writer **watched** the race on TV.

- a) Last year, the writer **didn't watch** the race on TV.
b) Last year, the writer **took part** in the race.



Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

1- Robin **met** the first person to sail alone round the world.

- a) _____
b) _____

2- Robin **slept for** 10 months to sail alone round the world.

- a) _____
b) _____

3- The Clipper Race **ended** in 1996.

- a) _____
b) _____

4- The first race had **eighteen** yachts.

- a) _____
b) _____

5- The yachts **sank** in Plymouth, England in October 1996.

- a) _____
b) _____

6- The long journey **stopped in** the oceans.

- a) _____
b) _____

7- The tough challenge **finished** in Hawaii.

- a) _____
b) _____

8- Ariel **left from** Plymouth in September 1997.

- a) _____
b) _____

9- The team **looked comfortable** after the race.

- a) _____
b) _____

The Clipper Race

Last year, I took part in the Clipper Race, the world's longest and hardest sailing challenge. Here is the story of how the race began.

In 1969, the Englishman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston became the first person to sail alone, non-stop round the world. It took him over 10 months. In the years after this achievement, Sir Robin started the *Clipper Round the World Yacht Race*.

The first race began in 1996, with eight 60-foot yachts. In October, they all left Plymouth, England. The epic voyage began across the oceans. The route included the Galapagos, Hawaii, and the Azores. Ariel, the winning yacht, finally arrived back in Plymouth in September 1997. The crew members felt exhausted. 'We rarely slept properly,' said a crew member. 'It was very cold, very wet, and very exciting.'

