

History

Exercise 1

My favourite subject at school was (1) _____. I don't know why. I loved reading the (2) _____ about famous (3) _____ and famous events. When I was (4) _____, history was just stories. As I got older, I realized history is the study of (5) _____ today. It's a long journey that describes all the (6) _____, great people, (7) _____, disasters, etc that have brought us to this point in time. I now love any kind of history. It's fascinating to visit a (8) _____ country and learn about its history. Watching the news today is like seeing history unfold. Lots of the things I learnt at school now make the news more (9) _____. History provides us with the perfect (10) _____ information to a news story.

Exercise 2

Listen, do the quiz. Choose A, B or C. Blacken (●) the corresponding circles.

Women in history

1. Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt and the last pharaoh, died _____.

- ☐ A. in 180 BCE. ☐ B. in 70 BCE. ☐ C. in 30 BCE.

2. Marie Curie received the Nobel Prize in chemistry _____.

- ☐ A. in December 1911 ☐ B. in December 1925 ☐ C. in December 1950

3. Valentina Tereshkova travelled into space _____.
☐ A. on 12th August ☐ B. on 3rd April 1962 ☐ C. on 16th June 1963
1961
4. Amelia Earhart crossed the Atlantic Ocean, alone, by plane _____.
☐ A. in 1932. ☐ B. in 1941. ☐ C. in 1950.
5. Coco Chanel opened her first shop in Deauville, France _____.
☐ A. in the 18th century ☐ B. in the 19th century ☐ C. in the 20th century
6. Frida Kahlo painted her self-portrait with parrots _____.
☐ A. in 1920 ☐ B. in 1935 ☐ C. in 1941
7. Serena Williams played her first match at Wimbledon _____.
☐ A. in 1996 ☐ B. in 1998 ☐ C. in 2000
8. Junko Tabei climbed Mount Everest _____.
☐ A. on 16th May 1975 ☐ B. on 5th April 1977 ☐ C. on 12th May 1980
9. J.K. Rowling published her first Harry Potter book _____.
☐ A. in March 1985 ☐ B. in June 1997 ☐ C. in July 2004
10. Ella Fitzgerald recorded her first song _____.
☐ A. in 1928 ☐ B. in 1930 ☐ C. in 1936

Exercise 3

Listen to the conversation and decide whether the following sentences are right (✓) or wrong (×)?

1. Janet lived with her family in a house in Manchester. _____
2. There were computers but no mobile phones in the 1960s. _____
3. Black and white televisions only show black and white pictures. _____
4. Janet's dad telephoned the shop to buy a colour television. _____
5. Her dad and uncle carried it to the flat. _____
6. The first programme they watched in colour was sport. _____

Exercise 4

A. Listen to the TV programme, *Our History*, and match the audience members to the people they ask about.

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| 1. Robert | _____ | (a) Valentina Tereshkova |
| 2. Lisa | _____ | (b) Henry VIII |
| 3. Rachel | _____ | (c) Marie Curie |
| 4. Leon | _____ | (d) Pelé |

B. Listen again. Tick (✓) the facts you hear.

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| 1. King Henry VIII of England died in 1547. | _____ |
| 2. Henry VIII had six wives. | _____ |
| 3. The footballer Pelé played for Santos 638 times. | _____ |
| 4. Pelé played international football for Brazil 92 times. | _____ |
| 5. Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in 1930. | _____ |
| 6. Marie Curie died in 1934. | _____ |
| 7. Valentina Tereshkova went to space in 1963. | _____ |
| 8. Valentina Tereshkova's husband was also an astronaut. | _____ |

Exercise 5

Look at 1—5 below and think about the question: Where and when were these things first used? Listen and complete the answers.

Invention	Where?	When?
1. toothpaste	<i>Egypt</i>	7,000 years ago
2. biological weapons	Ancient _____	_____ years ago
3. football	_____	_____ years ago
4. central heating	Ancient Greece / _____	_____ years ago
5. umbrella	_____ / Persia (Iran)	_____ years ago

Exercise 6

Read the sentences then listen and decide whether they are True (T) or False (F).

- 1 The year was 986 AD. _____
- 2 Erik was a small man. _____
- 3 The professor was given a gun. _____
- 4 The professor helped a woman. _____
- 5 Ula's parents were dead. _____
- 6 Ula gave the professor a wooden fox. _____
- 7 The professor was shot. _____

Exercise 7

Look at the table, then listen and fill in the missing words.

	Marco Polo	Christopher Columbus
Place of birth:	Venice	Genoa
Date of birth:	1254	(1) _____
Family:	son of a (2) _____ merchant	son of a weaver
Travels / Achievements:	- 1271 started a (3) _____-year journey to Asia - spent seventeen years in (4) _____ - arrived in Venice in (5) _____ - wrote a (6) _____ called <i>The Travels of Marco Polo</i>	- made (8) _____ voyages - sailed (9) _____ hoping to reach (10) _____ - reached the Bahamas - landed on Cuba and Haiti - explored islands in the Caribbean Sea and Central America
Died in:	(7) _____	(11) _____

Exercise 8

You will hear a museum guide talking to some children about the dinosaur exhibits in the museum. Read the table then listen and fill in the missing information.

	habitat	food	size	weight	special features
Compsognathus	all over the (1) _____ except in Antarctica	meat	(2) _____ cm tall	(3) _____ kilos	very fast (4) _____
Pteranodon	(5) _____ Asia and North America	(6) _____	(7) _____ bodies	very light	very long beak
Velociraptor	(8) _____	small animals	medium size	(9) _____ kilos	strong, fast runners, (10) _____ claws
Tyrannosaurus	(11) _____ America and East Asia	other big dinosaurs	(12) _____ metres tall	very (13) _____	strong legs, long (14) _____

Exercise 9

First read the notes then listen to the second part of what the museum guide said to these children and underline the correct words.

dinosaurs disappeared **150/65** million years ago

Theories about why they disappeared:

Theory A:

- a giant meteorite from space **hit/broke** the earth
- huge dust clouds rose up and blocked the **moon/sunlight**
- all plants died and dinosaurs starved or **froze/burned** to death

Theory B:

- climate changed **a lot/a little** because the continents were moving around
- summers got **hotter/colder** and winters got **hotter/colder**
- dinosaurs had such big problems with these changes that they died

Theory C:

- a poisonous **plant/animal** appeared which killed dinosaurs
- as a result the meat-eating dinosaurs had no food, so they died

Exercise 10

Listen to the recording and decide whether the sentences are **True** or **False**.

	True	False
1. The First World War ended because of a signature, not a weapon.	☐	☐
2. Germany was losing the war in both Russia and France.	☐	☐
3. Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire wanted to continue fighting.	☐	☐
4. The armistice agreement was signed in a railway carriage.	☐	☐
5. The armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.	☐	☐
6. The armistice agreement required France to evacuate, give up weapons, and return prisoners.	☐	☐
7. The Treaty of Versailles forced Germany to make large repayments to the Allies.	☐	☐
8. After the armistice, fighting continued for a few more days.	☐	☐
9. Many historians believe the Treaty of Versailles contributed to the start of World War II.	☐	☐
10. World War I ended after almost four years of fighting.	☐	☐