

EXPLORING WRITTEN ENGLISH



A Below are excerpts from the reading passages. Complete the sentences using the simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses. Then refer back to the reading passages to check your answers.

NOTICING

1. In 2001, when William _____ (be) 14 years old, life in Malawi _____ (become) even more difficult.
2. William _____ (not / know) much English, and he _____ (not / be) able to understand most of the book, but it _____ (be) full of pictures and diagrams.
3. While building the windmill, William _____ (change) and _____ (improve) his design little by little.
4. American entrepreneur Jane Chen and a team of people _____ (invent) the Embrace infant warmer.
5. A South African engineer, Piet Hendrikse, _____ (come) up with a solution to the problem of carrying water: the Q Drum.