

**Read about Leonardo Da Vinci's life and fill the gaps  
writing the verbs in brackets in past simple tense  
(careful with regular and irregular verbs):**

## LEONARDO DA VINCI



Leonardo Da Vinci \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an incredible person. He \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as an artist, an architect, a mathematician, a scientist, and an architect. He also \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a military engineer and he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a good musician.

He \_\_\_\_\_ (be born) in Vinci, near Florence. In 1466 he \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Florence and he \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) his studies. In 1482, he \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) Florence for Milan and \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to work for Duke of Milan. He \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to build a new town and \_\_\_\_\_ (design) many buildings for the Duke, but the Duke \_\_\_\_\_ (refuse). He also \_\_\_\_\_ (study) mathematics. His drawing of the *Anatomy of a Man* \_\_\_\_\_ (show) him to be a great biologist. In Milan Leonardo Da Vinci \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a lot of his paintings and drawings but he \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) most of them. In 1502, he \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to Florence and \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the *Mona Lisa*. He \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) his painting with him when he \_\_\_\_\_ (travel). From 1514 to 1516, he \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Rome and \_\_\_\_\_ (make) his scientific experiments. He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) interest in acoustics, astronomy, mechanics, mapmaking, optics, weapons and other branches of sciences.

Leonardo Da Vinci \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a unique person. He \_\_\_\_\_ (write) from right to left, people \_\_\_\_\_ (need) a mirror to read his writings. He also \_\_\_\_\_ (can) write different sentences with his right and left hand at the same time. He \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) scissors and \_\_\_\_\_ (make) drawings for a tank, a helicopter and a submarine. His scientific inventions \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a hundred years before his time.