

# THEY WERE THE FIRST!

... BUT THEY WEREN'T WORLD FAMOUS.

**#1 THE FIRST WOMAN IN SPACE**  
Valentina Tereshkova (born 1937)

**Who is she?**  
A Russian cosmonaut

**What did she do?**  
In 1963 she flew in Vostok 6. She went round the Earth 48 times and she was in space for almost 3 days.

**Her life**  
She was born in 1937 in a small village in Russia. Her father was a tractor driver and her mother worked in a factory. She finished school at 16 and started work in a factory. In her free time she studied and she also went parachute jumping. In 1963 she got married and the next year she had a daughter, Elena. After that, Valentina never flew into space again.

**#2 HE MADE THE FIRST COMPUTER GAME IN 1914!**  
Leonardo Torres y Quevedo (1852-1936)

**Who was he?**  
A Spanish engineer

**What did he do?**  
In 1914 he made a machine called 'The Chess Player'. You could play chess against it and it was the first computer game in the world.

**His life**  
He was born in 1852 and grew up in the city of Bilbao, in Spain. When he was 16 he went to live in Paris and two years later he went to university in Madrid. After he finished university he travelled around Europe and studied new ideas. Leonardo got married in 1885 and had eight children. His family was very rich, so he had lots of time to have ideas for new machines – like 'The Chess Player'.

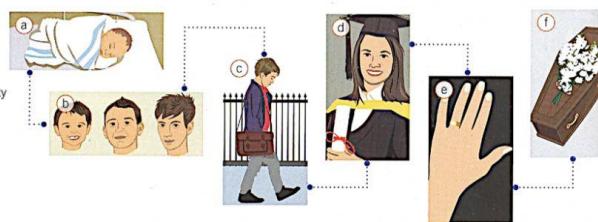
1 Read «They were the first!» Who...?

1. died over 50 years ago
2. had new ideas for machines
3. lived in a village as a child
4. came from a poor family
5. had one child
6. lived in France

2 Read «They were the first!» again. Choose one thin about each person you think is interesting and write why.

3 Look at these events in a person's life. Match events 106 with pictures a-f.

- 1 die
- 2 grow up
- 3 finish university
- 4 get married
- 5 go to school
- 6 be born



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Write the events in three lists.

1. everyone does it
2. most people do this
3. only some people do this

4 Read «They were the first!» again. Write past simple sentences about the year's below.

1. 1937 - Valentina was born	1. 1852
2. 1953	2. 1868
3. 1963	3. 1914
4. 1964	4. 1936

5 Language Plus Years

To say a year, we say the numbers in pairs:  
1937 → 19 37 nineteen thirty-seven 2016 → 20 16 twenty sixteen  
Note: 1900 = nineteen hundred 2000 = two thousand  
2005 = two thousand and five

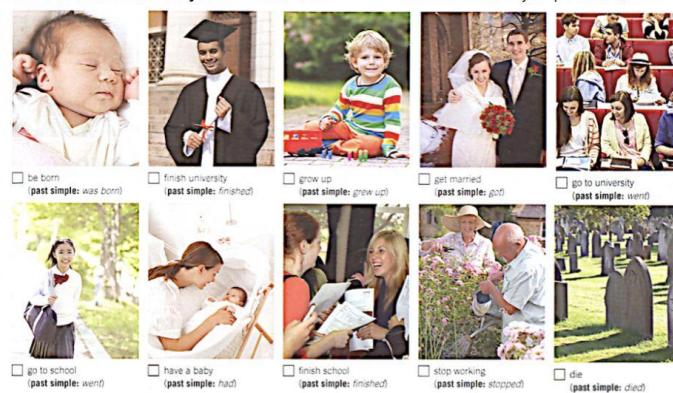
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Sound and spelling /ɜ:/  
1 Listen to the words.  
university worked thirty

Are the marked letters ... ?  
a all the same sound  
b two different sounds  
c three different sounds

7 Put the events in the order you think is correct.

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8 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (go to) university when I was 18 and I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) university when I was 24.
- 2 Nelson Mandela \_\_\_\_\_ (be born) in 1918 and he \_\_\_\_\_ (die) in 2013.
- 3 My father \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) working when he was 68.
- 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ (get married) when she was 21 and she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a baby two years later.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) school when I was 16 and I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job in a car factory.
- 6 Michelle Obama \_\_\_\_\_ (be born) in 1964 and she \_\_\_\_\_ (grow up) in Chicago.

9 Look at the answers and complete the questions.

- 1 Q \_\_\_\_\_ go to school? A In Valencia.
- 2 Q \_\_\_\_\_ finish? A In 2012.
- 3 Q \_\_\_\_\_ do after that? A I went to Canada.
- 4 Q \_\_\_\_\_ go there? A My brother lives there.
- 5 Q \_\_\_\_\_ like it? A Yes, I had a great time.

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