



Simple Past



- a. Listen to Ricardo talking about top inventions and discoveries. Then complete the chart below.



Invention	Name	Year
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

- b. Match the inventions from Exercise 1 to the pictures below.

Nail



a

Wheel



d

Compass



b

Printing press



c

Internal combustion energy



e

- c. Read the uses of SIMPLE PAST, then drag a sentence for each use.

- Use the simple past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past. Sometimes, the speaker may not actually mention the specific time, but they do have one specific time in mind.
- We use the simple past to list a series of completed actions in past. These actions happen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.
- The simple past can be used with a duration which starts and stops in the past. A duration is a longer action often indicated by expressions such as: for two years, for five minutes, all day, all year, etc.
- The simple past can also be used to describe a habit which stopped in the past. It can have the same meaning as "used to." To make it clear that we are talking about a habit, we often add expressions such as: always, often, usually, never, when I was a child, when I was younger, etc.
- The simple past can also be used to describe past facts or generalizations which are no longer true. As in use 4 above, this use of the simple past is quite similar to the expression "used to."

Uses	Examples
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	



I finished work, walked to the beach, and found a nice place to swim.

She was shy as a child, but now she is very outgoing.

I lived in Brazil for two years.

I studied French when I was a child.

I saw a movie yesterday.



3. Read these questions and match them with the appropriate answer.



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| a. What did you do on your last vacation? | It lasted two weeks. |
| b. Where did you go? | I went on a trip to Europe. |
| c. How did you get there? | I bought some French chocolate. |
| d. How long did the trip last? | I saw the romantic Eiffel tower. |
| e. What did you see there? | Well, I wanted to go Paris first. |
| f. What did you buy there? | Because I think It's a romantic city. |
| g. Why did you go there? | I got there by plane. |