Pre-teens 1

1. *Read and write True or False*

Ada Lovelace
(1815-1852)

As a young child, Ada Lovelace was very good at Maths and Languages (English and French). She didn't go to university, but she studied Maths with a professor from the University of London. In the 1840s, she designed a language for the world's first computer. In 1835, Ada married William King. They had two sons and a daughter.

1 Ada Lovelace went to the University of London. ☐

2 She became a computer programmer. ☐

3 She didn't have any children. ☐

Shusaku Arakawa
(1936-2010)

Shusaku Arakawa was an abstract painter. He also designed houses and apartment buildings.

Shusaku was born in Japan in 1936. He moved to the USA in 1961 and he married Madeline Gins, another artist. In 1998, Shusaku won a competition for designing buildings.

He died in the USA in 2010.

4 Shusaku Arakawa was an artist. ☐

5 He didn't design buildings. ☐

6 He married a journalist. ☐

7 He didn't win any prizes. ☐

8 He didn't die in Japan. ☐

2. *Read and drag and drop.*

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Gertrude Jekyll
(1843-1932)

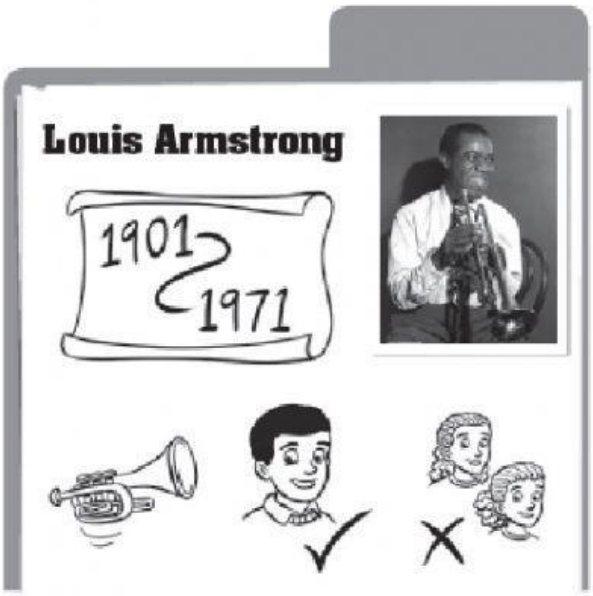
Gertrude Jekyll was a famous gardener. She (1) _____ born in 1843. She (2) _____ 6 brothers and sisters.

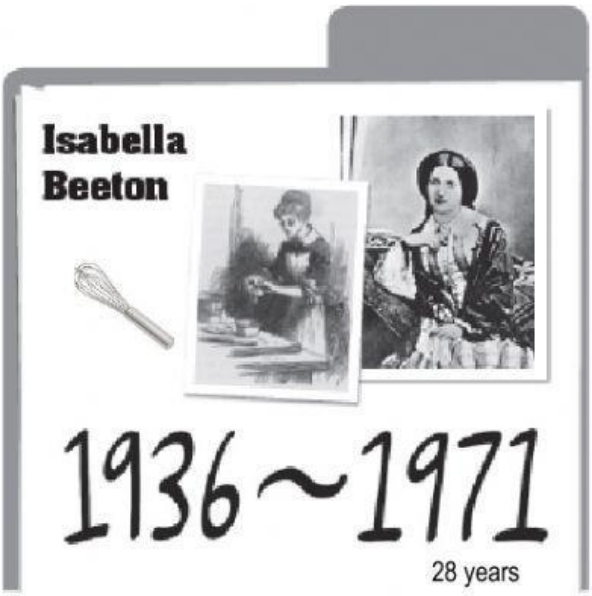
Women didn't usually (3) _____ to university in the 1800s, but in 1861, Jekyll (4) _____ to the South Kensington School of Art in London. She (5) _____ a lot of artists. After studying, she visited lots of different countries. She (6) _____ pictures of different places. She also (7) _____ about flowers, trees and gardens.

In the 1880s, Jekyll (8) _____ a gardener designer. She (9) _____ about 400 gardens in the UK, Europe and the USA.

Jekyll (10) _____ any children. She died in 1932, at the age of 89.

3. *Complete the biographies*





> (be) Louis Armstrong was a musician .

1 (be born) He _____ in 1901.

2 (play) _____ the trumpet.

3 (have) _____ a son.

4 (not / have) _____ any daughters.

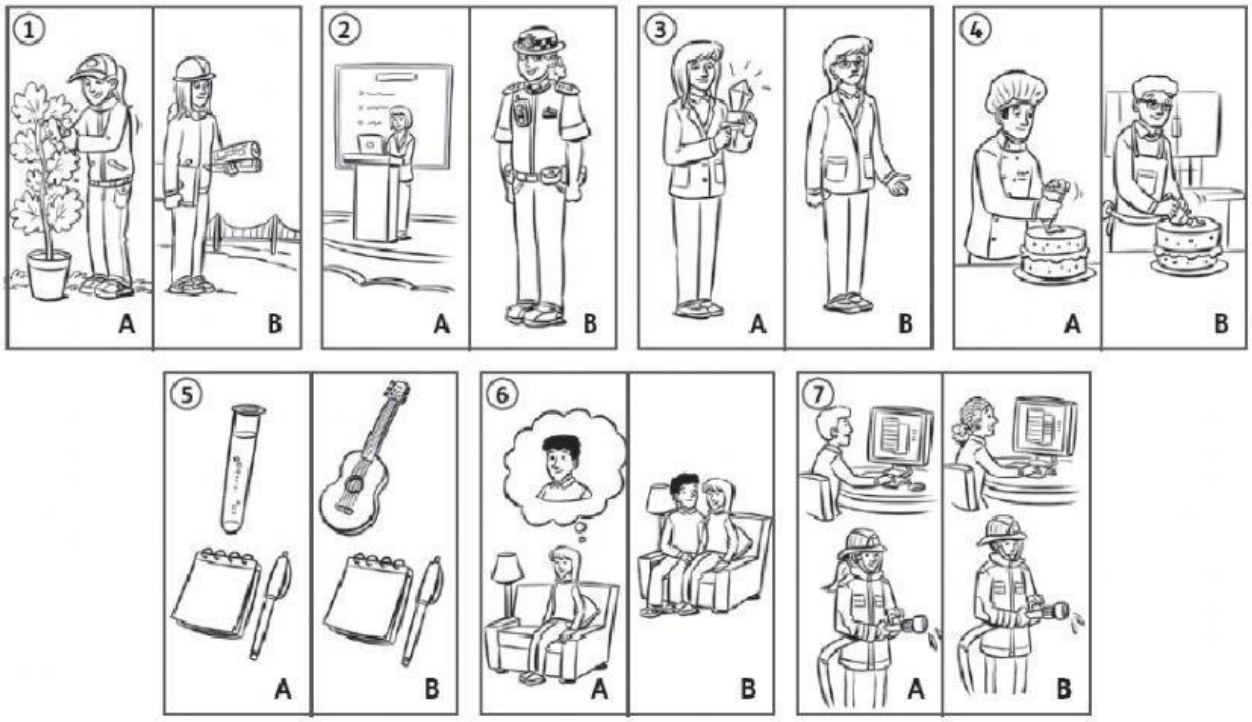
5 (be) Isabella Beeton _____ a _____.

6 (be born) She _____ in 1836.

7 (not / live) She _____ for a long time.

8 (die) _____ at the age of 28.

4. *Listen and choose A or B*



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5. Listen and write true or false

1 Jim was at a job fair yesterday. True / False

2 He didn't talk to the firefighter. True / False

3 He talked to a scientist. True / False

4 Alexander Flemming was a doctor. True / False

5 He was born in 1881. True / False

6 He didn't work with other scientists. True / False

7 He won the Nobel Prize in 1945. True / False