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Revision: past simple

Talking about the past

Warm up: Match the question words in English and its meanings in Spanish

Where?	cuántos años?
Who?	quién?
How old?	cuándo?
When?	dónde?

1 How much do you know about the history of networking? Can you match these events 1-4 to the dates a-d?

- 1 The creation of the World Wide Web
- 2 The start of Facebook
- 3 The launch of Twitter
- 4 The beginning of Instagram

- a) 2006
- b) 1990
- c) 2010
- d) 2004



2 What social networks do you use? How much time do you spend on them?

Example: *I spend about ..3 hours..on Twitter*

3 Read this text about Mark Zuckerberg's biography until now and answer these questions.



Mark Elliot Zuckerberg was born on May 14, 1984 in Dobbs Ferry, New York. He grew up in a comfortable, well-educated family.

As a child, he lived with his three sisters, his father, Edward Zuckerberg, who was a dentist, and his mother, Karen, who worked as a psychiatrist.

Mark Zuckerberg developed an interest in computers at an early age; when he was 12, he used Atari BASIC to create a messaging program he named "Zucknet."

Mark graduated from Exeter in 2002 and he enrolled at Harvard University in 2003. He was accepted because he had good results at school. At Harvard, he began to work on his own social network. Mark and his friends created a site that allowed users to create their own profiles, upload photos, and communicate with other users. They named it "The Facebook". Some of his partners at Harvard didn't like Zuckerberg. They said that he stole their idea, and started a legal dispute.

Meanwhile, Zuckerberg and his team managed facebook from their bedroom at Harvard. In August 2004, Zuckerberg dropped out of college and moved the company to California.

Facebook became very popular. Yahoo! and MTV Networks wanted to buy facebook but Zuckerberg refused their offers

According to Forbes magazine, Zuckerberg is worth approximately \$6 9 billion, surpassing even Apple founder Steve Jobs.

- 1 Where did he study as a child?
- 2 When did Mark go to university?
3. What did he create at college?
- 4 When did he leave university?
- 5 Where did Mark go in 2004?

Past simple (1)

We use the past simple tense to talk about finished actions in the past.	When did I/she/he/we/they create the network? She created the network in December 2008. I started the network last year.
Time expressions	I looked at that yesterday . I had broadband connected three days/a month/two years ago . I used that system last week/year/month . I started that user group on Monday/in June/in 2001 .

Past simple (2)

Regular past tense endings	look	looked
	use	used
	install	installed
	connect	connected
	work	worked
Irregular past tense endings	set up	set up
	go	went
	see	saw
	do	did
	buy	bought
	be	was

4. Read the text again and complete these lists

Regular verbs

Irregular verbs

Look at these verbs in the Infinitive form, then, drag and drop the past form of each verb

1. send	2. read	3. make	4. take	5. write	6. buy

read

made

bought





sent

wrote

took

G. Look at the pictures of the different gadgets. Then, complete the sentences using the verbs from the previous exercise. Be careful! There is an extra one.

What did people do before these gadgets?

1.		People didn't send instant messages. They <input type="text"/> e-mails.
2.		My dad loves photographs! He <input type="text"/> photos with his camera before he had his mobile phone.
3.		My mum <input type="text"/> her favourite novels on books before we <input type="text"/> her a kindle or e-reader for her birthday.
4.		People didn't send e-mails from their mobile phones, tablets or laptops. They checked and <input type="text"/> checked e-mails on their computers at work.