

TALKING ABOUT THE PAST

READING COMPREHENSION + PAST SIMPLE

Let's read the email and decide if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

Message from Joan + Joe

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 Date: Saturday, Jan. 31, 3:56 p.m.
 To: <...efgh@thi.gr>
 Subject: Message from Joan + Joe

Attachments: merchandising.doc

Worksheet 1: Worksheet 2 (87 K)

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Dear Jim and Mary,

Yesterday, our class visited the Fleet Arm Museum outside London near Yeovilton. We saw over 40 historic planes there and we heard a lot about the history of planes and the Wright brothers, the first fliers. We also saw modern aeroplanes and then we flew on a helicopter in a simulator! It was exciting! We learnt about the four forces of flight, too.

Open the attached files: These are the worksheets we worked on in the museum. Do you want to try them, too?

Kisses
 Joan and Joe

Schedule "Send & Receive All" will run in 4 minutes.

1	Joan and Jim are writing the email.	TRUE	FALSE
2	The Fleet Arm Museum is in London.	TRUE	FALSE
3	The students saw planes and learnt about the history of planes.	TRUE	FALSE
4	They flew on a spaceship in a simulator.	TRUE	FALSE
5	Joan and Joe have done activities on worksheets.	TRUE	FALSE



Here is the story of the Wright Brothers.
Read the sentences on the right and put
them in the right place in the text:

- a. They made kites.
- b. It was a toy helicopter.
- c. They opened a bicycle shop.

The Wright Brothers

Wilbur and Orville Wright invented the first aeroplane in the United States of America in 1903. The Wright brothers thought of the flight when one day their father returned from a trip and surprised the boys with a small toy. (1) The boys admired the toy very much and they said that they wanted to fly. While the boys were growing up, they were always repairing and fixing things. (2) and sold them to classmates.

Later, (3) and repaired bicycles. They used the money from the bicycle shop for their first flight experiments. The historic flight lasted for just 12 seconds and covered about 120 feet. This changed the world forever.



Both texts refer to the past, so the verbs are in past tenses. Watch the videos and to refresh in your memory how Past Simple is formed and used.

<https://youtu.be/r2cf1qcItzY>

https://youtu.be/aPgtdZ_urZk

Regular Verbs

✓ verb -ed, -d, -ied
X did not (didn't) verb
? did ... verb

Irregular Verbs

✓ past form of the verb (irregular verbs list)
X did not (didn't) verb
? did ... verb

Here is a link to an irregular verb list

<https://www.gingersoftware.com/content/grammar-rules/verbs/list-of-irregular-verbs/>

Can you write the Present/ Infinitive form of the verbs from the two texts? If they are irregular, you can find them in the link above.

Infinitive	Past Simple	Infinitive	Past Simple
	visited		surprised
	saw		admired
	heard		said
	flew		wanted
	was		sold
	learnt		repaired
	attached		used
	worked		lasted
	invented		covered
	thought		changed
	returned		made

Find the 6 hidden past tenses in the word search below. ⇒ or ↓

C	B	Q	A	F	O	F	L	E	W
A	I	L	M	E	N	Z	E	H	A
R	Y	M	A	T	S	E	K	I	B
C	A	P	D	O	S	A	T	R	U
M	E	F	E	L	L	D	I	R	I
A	U	S	T	E	L	V	H	D	L
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