



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.

- What did you do on your last vacation?
- Where did you go?
- How did you get there?
- How long did the trip last?
- What did you see there?
- What did you buy there?
- Why did you go there?

- It lasted two weeks.
- I went on a trip to Europe.
- I bought some French chocolate.
- I saw the romantic Eiffel tower.
- Well, I wanted to go Paris first.
- Because I think It's a romantic city.
- I got there by plane.

