



# 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

d

Compass



Printing press



b



e

Internal combustion energy



c

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

1. 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.
2. We use the simple past to list a series of completed actions in past. These actions happen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.



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.