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INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE APRENDIZAJE / LEARNING UNIT # 1

DESARROLLO DE PROCESOS DE INGLÉS COMUNICACIÓN EN A NIVEL ELEMENTAL

COMPETENCY / SKILL: LISTENING AND SPEAKING (Historical Events)

Group Discussion

Let's talk about HISTORY

Conversation cards

What is history? Work in group and make your own definition. Compare with others.	What do you know about the history of your country? Give a brief overview.	What do you know about world history? Name some important events.
Do/did you like History as a school subject? Explain why (not).	Which period of history interests you most? How many periods from history can you name?	What are the most important events in your country's history? What happened?
When was the last time you went to a history museum? Did you enjoy it? Who did you go with? Talk about it.	According to you, what were the most important historical events of the last century? Work in group. Discuss.	In your opinion, who were the most important figures in history? Explain.
Which historic figure would you most like to meet? Why? What would you ask him/her?	What are the most important historical sites in your country? Where are they and what can you see or do there?	Which recent event(s) might be called historic? Explain why.
'Studying history is useless. Why waste time on things we cannot change anyway?' Do you agree?	If you had a time machine, which period in history would you like to go back to? Why?	Imagine it's the year 2100 and are asked to describe the history of the 21st century. What might have happened?
Which historical films have you seen? Talk about one. Have you read any historical novels?	"We learn from history that we learn nothing from history." (G.B. Shaw) Explain. Do you agree?	Do you think History school books tell the same all over the world? Why or why not? Brainstorm and discuss.

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Women in history

Exercise 1

Instructions: **Listen, do the quiz. Choose A, B or C.**

1 Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt and the last pharaoh, ……

A in 180 BCE.

B in 70 BCE.

C in 30 BCE.

2 Marie Curie …… the Nobel Prize in chemistry

A in December 1911.

B in December 1925.

C in December 1950.

3 Valentina Tereshkova …… into space

A on 12th August 1961.

B on 3rd April 1962.

C on 16th June 1963.

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4 Amelia Earhart ..... the Atlantic Ocean, alone, by plane

A in 1932.

B in 1941.

C in 1950.

5 Coco Chanel ..... her first shop in Deauville, France

A in the 18th century.

B in the 19th century.

C in the 20th century.

6 Frida Kahlo ..... her self-portrait with parrots

A in 1920.

B in 1935.

C in 1941.

7 Serena Williams ..... her first match at Wimbledon

A in 1996.

B in 1998.

C in 2000.

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8 Junko Tabei ..... Mount Everest.

A on 16th May 1975.

B on 5th April 1977.

C on 12th May 1980.

9 J.K. Rowling ..... her first Harry Potter book

A in March 1985.

B in June 1997.

C in July 2004.

10 Ella Fitzgerald ..... her first song

A in 1928

B in 1930

C in 1936

Exercise 2

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Instructions: **Listen to the radio programme *Living History – I was there!***

- Dave Brown is talking to Janet about a moment in history she remembers. What moment does Janet remember? Take notes and share them with the class and teacher.

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READING

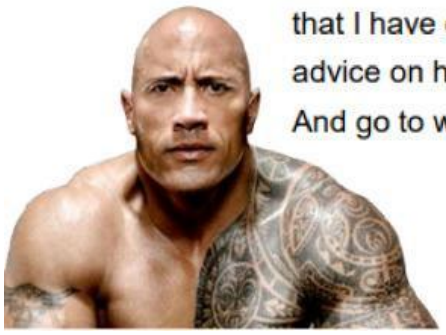
Topics: Introductions / Famous People

Introducing ... Dwayne Johnson!

If you like to watch Hollywood movies (I do!), especially action movies, then you probably already know the face of Dwayne Johnson. You might also know that he's American, and that his **nickname**[1] is 'the Rock". However, you might not know that he is also a Canadian **citizen**[2]. Here are a few more things that you might not know about this man.

He was born in 1972, in a small city called Hayward (near San Francisco) in California. Because Dwayne's father was a **wrestler**[3], Dwayne often travelled with his family (parents, brother and sister) and lived in many other cities when he was young. He even lived in New Zealand for a short while. Moving around so much was difficult for Dwayne because it was not very easy for him to make many friends. He was often angry and fought with other people, and so the police **arrested**[4] him several times. However, things started to change when he was in high school, when he started to play football. Dwayne really liked to play football, so he became happier, he made more friends, his grades got better, and he later played football in college. In college, he was already big: he was 193 **centimeters**[5] tall, and he weighed 113 **kilograms**[6], and so after college he became a wrestler (like his father and grandfather). Many people say that he was one of the best wrestlers in the world. Dwayne was happy as a wrestler, but he wanted to try something new. That's when he decided to try acting, and in 2002 he starred in a big Hollywood movie called *The Scorpion King*. The movie was very popular and Dwayne went on to make many more movies that are loved by people all around the world.

Dwayne Johnson has had many jobs, but he says that, "being a father is the greatest job that I have ever had." He has three children and now lives in Florida. What is Dwayne's advice on how to be successful? He says, "**Surround**[7] yourself with **brilliant**[8] people. And go to work!"



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Exercise 3

Listen again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?	✓	X
1 Janet lived with her family in a house in Manchester.		
2 There were computers but no mobile phones in the 1960s.		
3 Black and white televisions only show black and white pictures.		
4 Janet's dad telephoned the shop to buy a colour television.		
5 Her dad and uncle carried it to the flat.		
6 The first programme they watched in colour was sport.		

The listening part was taken from:

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Exercise 4

Listen and Tick (✓) the facts you hear.	
1 King Henry VIII of England died in 1547.	
2 Henry VIII had six wives.	
3 The footballer Pelé played for Santos 638 times.	
4 Pelé played international football for Brazil 92 times.	
5 Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in 1930.	
6 Marie Curie died in 1934.	
7 Valentina Tereshkova went to space in 1963.	
8 Valentina Tereshkova's husband was also an astronaut.	

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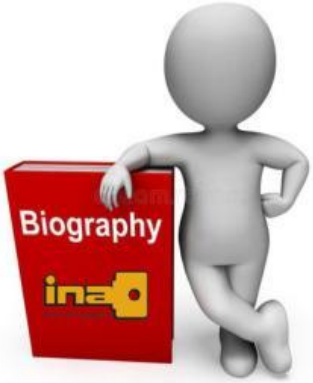
Speaking Section

BIOGRAPHY

Instructions



Choose a famous person back in history and then talk about his main achievements. Explain what he or she did. For this oral task, you MUST check the pronunciation of regular verbs in Simple Past Tense.

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