



5 Activities

Activity 1

Complete the table with the correct form of the verbs in the past.

Present Simple	Past Simple	Present Simple	Past Simple
go		discover	
build		create	
invent		fly	
write		win	
see		find	

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Activity 2

Read the text and choose the correct option (A-C).

Museum Exhibition

Last weekend, I **1** to an exhibition about famous inventions. It was amazing! The guide **2** how different inventions changed the world. For example, Thomas Edison **3** the first practical light bulb in 1879. I also **4** that the Wright brothers **5** the first aeroplane in 1903. At the end of the visit, we **6** some old machines that people **7** in the past. It was a great experience, and I **8** it a lot!

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| 1 | A go | B went | C goed |
| 2 | A explained | B explains | C explain |
| 3 | A creates | B created | C creating |
| 4 | A learnt | B learns | C learn |
| 5 | A invents | B invented | C invent |
| 6 | A saw | B see | C seed |
| 7 | A used | B use | C useed |
| 8 | A enjoyed | B enjoys | C enjoied |

Activity 3

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs.

1 Marie Curie / win / the Nobel Prize for Physics / 1903.

2 The Wright brothers / not fly / their first aeroplane / 1990.

3 Steve Jobs / create / the first iPhone / 2007 / ?

4 Johannes Gutenberg / develop / the first printing press / 1440.

5 Nikola Tesla / move / to the United States / 1884.

6 Nikola Tesla / not create / the first car.

Activity 4

Read the texts. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Daily Life Inventions

A. The Car

The car was invented in 1886 by Karl Benz. He created the first true automobile. It had an engine, which made it different from other vehicles. By the early 1900s, cars became very popular, allowing people to travel faster and further.

B. The Bicycle

The bicycle was invented in the early 19th century. The first bicycle was called the "Dandy Horse." It was made by Karl Drais in 1817. The bicycle helped people travel quickly and became popular for exercise and fun.

C. The Computer

The first computer was invented in the 1940s. It was very large and took up a whole room. This computer was called ENIAC. It could do maths very fast. Over the years, computers have become smaller and more powerful.

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| 1 | Which invention was different from the rest of the transport? | A | B | C |
| 2 | Which invention appeared at the beginning of the 19 th century? | A | B | C |
| 3 | Which invention allowed people to travel fast and for fun? | A | B | C |

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| 4 | Which invention could do calculations very quickly? | A | B | C |
| 5 | Which invention was very big when it was first made? | A | B | C |
| 6 | Which invention became popular in the early 1900s? | A | B | C |
| 7 | Which invention has changed a lot in size and power? | A | B | C |

Activity 5

Think of an invention that you like. Look for information about it and write the information in the table. Then, write a text using the information and the past simple.

Great Inventions	The _____
Who?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	

Answers

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see	saw	find	found

Activity 2

- 1 B
- 2 A
- 3 B
- 4 A
- 5 B
- 6 A
- 7 A
- 8 A

Activity 3

- 1 Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903.
- 2 The Wright brothers didn't fly their first aeroplane in 1990.
- 3 Did Steve Jobs create the first iPhone in 2007?
- 4 Johannes Gutenberg developed the first printing press in 1440.
- 5 Nikola Tesla moved to the United States in 1884.
- 6 Nikola Tesla didn't create the first car.

Activity 4

- 1 A
- 2 B
- 3 B
- 4 C
- 5 C
- 6 A
- 7 C

Activity 5

Students' own answers.