

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the *Past Simple*.

The First Dogs in Space

On August 19, 1960 the Soviet Union (launch) Sputnik 5 into space. On board (be) 40 mice, 2 rats, a rabbit, several fruit flies, some plants, and two very special dogs: Belka and Strelka (be) the first animals to enter space and return to Earth safely. They (give) the Soviets the confidence necessary to send humans into orbit less than a year after their safe return. Belka and Strelka (make) human space flight possible.

Later Strelka (give) birth to six puppies. One of them (be) Pushinka. During a state dinner in Vienna the First Lady of the US Jacqueline Kennedy and the Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev (talk) about the dog, Strelka, and her puppies. A few months later Khrushchev (send) the dog as a present to the First Lady of the US Jacqueline Kennedy. Pushinka (live) with the Kennedys in the White House. The President Kennedy (send) a letter to Khrushchev and (thank) him for the gift.



Watch the video about Belka and Strelka

