

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**

