

## Past Simple quiz

Past Simple (statements)

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- Pre-teach the following vocabulary items: to die; a war; a GameBoy; *wives*; *a king*; *the moon*. (A GameBoy is a handheld computer games console.)
- Divide the class into teams of three or four, and give a copy of the worksheet to each student. Allow them time to read the instructions, and use the example to check they have understood what to do.
- Allow students to do the quiz in their teams. Set a time limit of ten minutes.
- Check the answers with the whole class (see Key). Students get one point for each correct past tense and two points for each correct answer. The team with the most points is the winner. The maximum score is 34 points.

## Ten things about me

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- Give a copy of the worksheet to each student. Students work individually and write their answers in the circles. Make sure they write their answers in random order, and encourage them to answer all the questions if possible. They should write names, single words or short phrases, not complete sentences. Demonstrate this on the board if necessary.
- Students work in pairs and swap worksheets with their partner. Students must try to work out why their partner has written the items on their worksheet, and the partner should say if they are right or wrong. For example: Student A has written 1994. Student B: *I think you started school in 1994*. Student A: *No, that's wrong*. Student A: *You met your best friend in 1994*. Student B: *Yes, that's right*. If necessary, write the responses on the board before they begin.

At the end of the activity, students report back to the class on the most interesting things they found out about their partner.

### Instructions

- Put each verb in brackets in the Past Simple. Your team scores **1** point for each correct past tense.
- Answer the questions. Your team scores **2** points for each correct answer.

### Example

John Lennon ...*died*... (die) in:

✓ 1 point

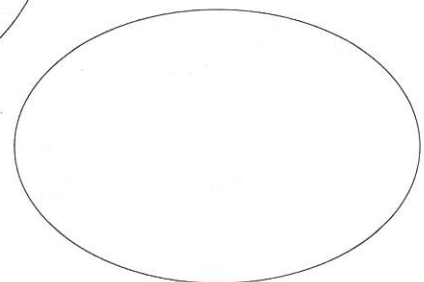
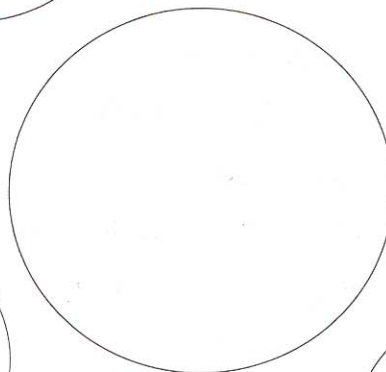
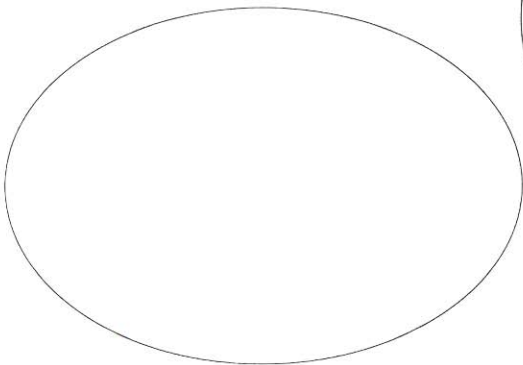
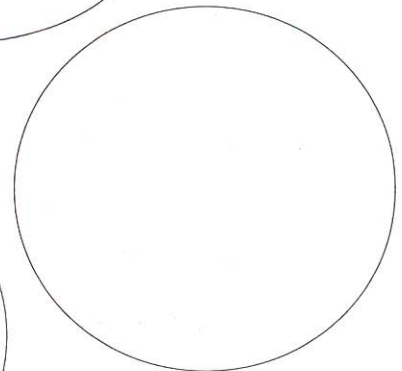
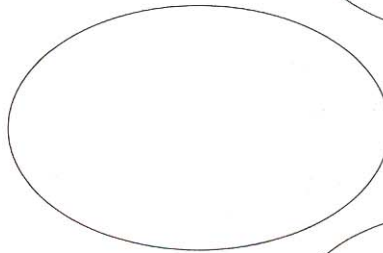
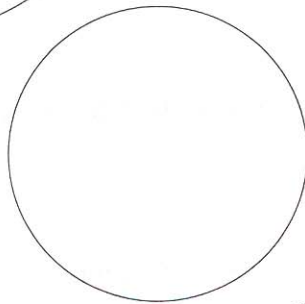
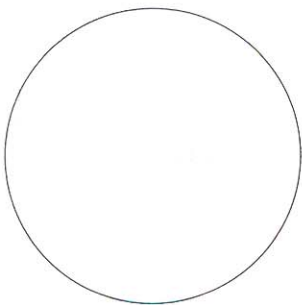
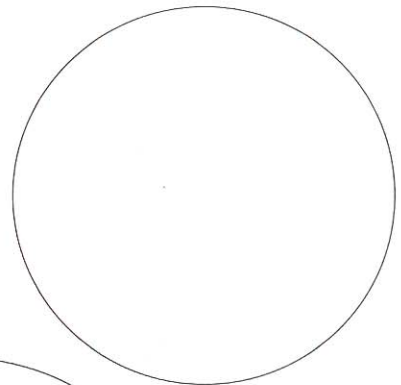
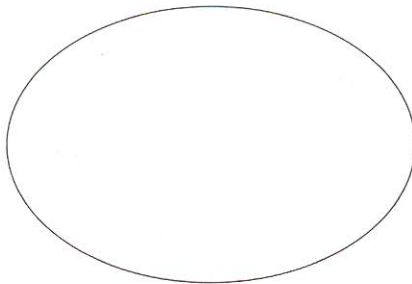
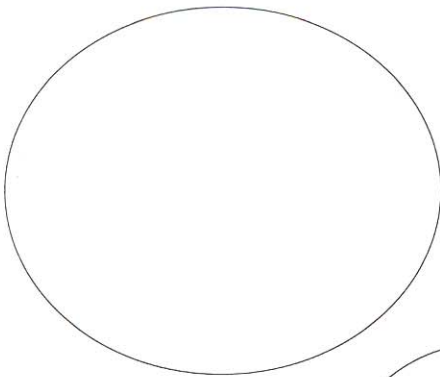
a) 1970 b) (1980) c) 1990

✓ 2 points

- 1 The artist Pablo Picasso ..... (be) born in:  
a) Spain b) France c) Italy.
- 2 David Beckham ..... (get) married to Victoria Adams in:  
a) 1993 b) 1996 c) 1999.
- 3 The Second World War ..... (start) in:  
a) 1935 b) 1939 c) 1945.
- 4 Mother Teresa ..... (live) most of her life in:  
a) Rome b) Calcutta c) Delhi.
- 5 John F Kennedy ..... (become) President of the USA when he ..... (be):  
a) 33 b) 43 c) 53.
- 6 Nintendo ..... (sell):  
a) 10 million b) 50 million c) 100 million GameBoys in the 1990s.
- 7 The English king Henry the Eighth ..... (have):  
a) two wives b) four wives c) six wives.
- 8 The Russian Fyodor Dostoyevsky:  
a) ..... (write) books b) ..... (paint) pictures c) ..... (make) films.
- 9 Bjørn Borg ..... (be) famous because he ..... (play):  
a) tennis b) golf c) football.
- 10 Man ..... (go) to the moon for the first time in:  
a) 1959 b) 1969 c) 1979.

Write short answers to these questions in the circles below. Write the answers in a **different order** to the questions.

- a place you went to last year
- a person you met last week
- the year you started school
- the name of a film (or a TV programme) you watched last month
- a person you know who got married last year
- the town or city you lived in when you were a child
- a person you wrote a letter or an email to last month
- the year you met your best friend
- a person you know who went to university
- a restaurant, café or shop you went to last week



## Past Simple Quiz Answers

1. was; a
2. go; c
3. started; b
4. lived; b
5. became; was; b
6. sold; c
7. had; c
8. wrote; painted; made; a
9. was; played; a
10. went; b