

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking breakout room activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Past simple passive

Aim

To ask and answer questions about famous inventions and discoveries using the past simple passive.

Preparation

Send each student a corresponding A or B interactive worksheet.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this interactive past simple passive breakout room activity, students ask and answer questions about famous inventions and discoveries.

Procedure

Begin by going through the following sentence from the worksheet with the students:

Penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming in Scotland in 1928.

Erase the word 'Penicillin' and elicit the question 'What was discovered by Alexander Fleming?'

Write 'Penicillin' back in the sentence.

Then, erase 'Alexander Fleming' and elicit the question 'Who was penicillin discovered by?'

Write 'Alexander Fleming' back in the sentence and then repeat with the place and year.

Tell the students that they are going to ask and answer similar questions in pairs.

Divide the students into pairs (A and B) and put them in breakout rooms.

Send each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to complete the table on their worksheet by asking their partner for the missing information using the past simple passive.

The students then take it in turns to ask and answer the past simple passive questions they need to complete the missing information in the table.