

## Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, group work

## Focus

Past simple regular and irregular verbs

## Aim

To complete statements with past simple regular and irregular verbs.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for every three students and cut as indicated.

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

45 minutes

## Introduction

Here is a past simple activity for intermediate students to do in class. In the activity, students complete statements with past simple regular and irregular verbs. The students then guess which statements are historical facts and which are myths.

## Procedure

Divide the class into three groups (Group A, B, and C).

Give each student a corresponding A, B or C worksheet.

Tell the students to work together with the people in their group and complete the statements by writing the regular and irregular verbs from the box into the sentences in their past simple form.

When they have finished, go around to each group and check their answers using the answer key below.

Next, rearrange the class into teams of three, comprising of a Student A, B and C.

Tell the teams that each student's worksheet contains six historical facts and four myths.

Their task is to read the statements together, discuss them, and decide which are historical facts and which are myths.

When everyone has finished, read each statement and then elicit each team's answer. If possible, ask students to justify their response. Then give the class the correct answer.

Teams score one point for each correct guess. The team with the highest score at the end of the game wins.

## Answer Key

Student A	Student B	Student C
1. had (false)	1. requested (true)	1. was (true)
2. were (true)	2. originated (false)	2. decided (true)
3. slept (true)	3. painted (true)	3. built (false)
4. failed (false)	4. wore (false)	4. snowed (true)
5. wore (true)	5. discovered (true)	5. proposed false)
6. discovered (false)	6. broke (true)	6. made (true)
7. faked (true)	7. created (false)	7. wore (false)
8. considered (true)	8. issued (true)	8. persuaded (true)
9. powered (false)	9. won (true)	9. invented (false)
10. called (true)	10. sliced (false)	10. sold (true)

<b>A</b>	power sleep have fake consider fail call wear are discover
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1. George Washington ..... wooden teeth.
2. A sheep, a duck and a rooster ..... the first passengers in a hot air balloon.
3. King Henry VIII ..... with a gigantic axe beside him.
4. Albert Einstein ..... math.
5. Pirates ..... earrings because they believed it improved their eyesight.
6. Christopher Columbus ..... America.
7. In 2007, Corey Taylor ..... his own death in order to get out of his cell phone contract without paying a fee.
8. In England, in the 1880's, people ..... "Pants" as a dirty word.
9. Sails ..... the first Egyptian chariots.
10. There is a glacier ..... "Blood Falls" in Antarctica that regularly pours out red liquid.



<b>B</b>	create issue break originate discover slice request paint win wear
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1. Samuel L. Jackson ..... to have a purple light saber in Star Wars in order for him to accept the part as Mace Windu.
2. Spanish Influenza ..... in Spain.
3. The White House was grey before they ..... it white.
4. Ninjas ..... all black costumes.
5. In 2008, scientists ..... a new species of bacteria that lives in hairspray.
6. An epidemic of laughing that lasted almost a year ..... out in Tanganyika in 1962.
7. Shakespeare ..... the story "Hamlet."
8. The State of California ..... 6 driving licenses to people named Jesus Christ.
9. In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes ..... a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead.
10. Vincent Van Gogh ..... off his ear.



<b>C</b>	decide is snow sell propose make wear build invent persuade
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1. The Titanic ..... the first ship to use the SOS signal.
2. A coin toss ..... Hewlett-Packard's name.
3. Jewish slaves ..... the pyramids.
4. It ..... in the Sahara desert for 30 minutes in 1979.
5. Benjamin Franklin ..... the turkey as the national bird of the United States.
6. The person who invented the Frisbee was cremated and ..... into frisbees after he died.
7. Vikings ..... horned-helmets.
8. Hitler's mother considered abortion but the doctor ..... her to keep the baby.
9. Isaac Newton ..... the game Hopscotch.
10. In 1998, Sony accidentally ..... 700,000 camcorders that had the technology to see through people's clothes.