

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation activity, pair work

Focus

Past simple regular verbs

-ed pronunciation

Interesting facts

Aim

To complete interesting facts with past simple regular verbs from a word search and to play a true or false game using the facts.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this past simple regular verbs activity, students complete interesting facts with the past form of regular verbs from a word search and play a true or false game using the facts.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Ask the students to find the past form of the ten regular verbs in the word search.

When the students have found all ten verbs, tell them to complete the true and false facts with the past simple verbs.

Afterwards, check the answers with each group and review the -ed sound of each verb.

Student A - Answer key

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| 1. invented (ɪd) | 6. printed (ɪd) |
| 2. believed (d) | 7. designed (d) |
| 3. tracked (t) | 8. replaced (t) |
| 4. located (ɪd) | 9. played (d) |
| 5. killed (d) | 10. considered (d) |

Student B - Answer key

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. called (d) | 6. tried (d) |
| 2. travelled(d) | 7. expected (ɪd) |
| 3. picked (t) | 8. destroyed (d) |
| 4. added (ɪd) | 9. controlled (d) |
| 5. died (d) | 10. folded (ɪd) |

Note: The American spelling 'traveled' is also included in the word search.

Next, have the students pair up with someone from the other group (Student A and B).

The students then take it in turns to read the interesting facts on the worksheet to their partner, paying close attention to the pronunciation of the -ed sounds.

Their partner then tries to guess if each fact is true or false. For each correct guess, students score a point.

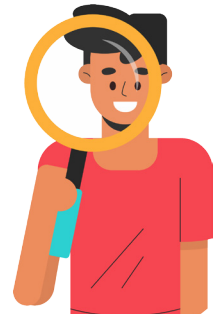
The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Student A

A. Find the past form of these regular verbs in the word search.

design locate kill play consider replace believe invent track print

M	W	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	D	K	L
B	T	R	A	C	K	E	D	I	T	D	O
B	E	L	C	L	U	I	C	N	R	E	C
D	E	S	I	W	O	P	O	V	A	S	P
M	I	N	V	N	H	C	N	E	K	I	R
P	R	I	N	T	E	D	A	N	K	G	I
L	I	N	R	K	I	L	B	T	W	N	N
A	C	O	N	S	F	R	Y	E	E	E	T
Y	R	E	P	L	A	C	E	D	L	D	A
E	A	S	T	R	A	M	P	L	C	E	T
D	D	C	O	N	S	I	D	E	R	E	D
B	E	D	K	I	L	L	E	D	R	T	L



B. Complete the true and false facts with the past tense verbs from the word search.

- The cigarette lighter was before the match. (True)
- Pirates wore earrings because they it improved their hearing. (False: eyesight)
- Scientists have butterflies that travel over 2,000 miles. (False: 3,000 miles)
- One fourth of the bones in your body are in your feet. (True)
- About 100 people per year are by coconuts. (False: 150 people)
- More monopoly money is each year than real U.S. currency. (True)
- The tiny pocket in jeans was to store pocket watches. (True)
- Every year about 75% of atoms in your body are (False: 98%)
- Movie trailers originally after the movie. (True)
- It is bad luck in Japan when a sumo wrestler makes your baby cry. (False: good luck)

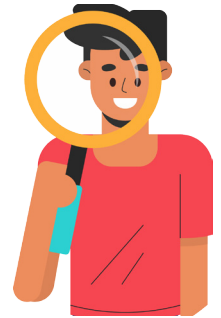
C. Now, read the facts to Student B. Can they guess which ones are true and which are false?

Student B

A. Find the past form of these regular verbs in the word search.

add destroy try control fold travel die call pick expect

F	T	R	Y	E	D	C	E	D	U	P	C
C	O	N	T	R	O	L	L	E	D	A	O
A	R	P	I	C	K	E	F	S	T	D	L
L	T	R	I	E	D	X	O	T	R	D	T
P	D	E	S	T	D	P	T	R	Y	T	R
E	I	T	U	E	M	E	R	O	E	L	A
X	R	C	D	I	O	C	A	Y	D	D	V
P	E	D	K	F	U	T	V	E	E	I	E
E	A	N	M	E	L	E	E	D	P	E	L
C	A	L	L	E	D	D	L	O	B	D	L
H	Y	W	P	V	N	O	E	L	C	J	E
I	D	Y	E	D	F	M	D	V	K	D	D



B. Complete the true and false facts with the past tense verbs from the word search.

1. A pregnant goldfish is a twit. (True)
2. Earth has more than 5,000 miles in the past 10 minutes. (False: 5 minutes)
3. Blueberries will not ripen until they are (True)
4. Coca-Cola would be red if colouring wasn't to it. (False: green)
5. About 3,000 years ago, most Egyptians by the time they were 25. (False: 30)
6. A Canadian farmer in 1984 renting advertising space on his sheep. (False: cows)
7. The population is to rise to 10.8 billion by the year 2080. (True)
8. Only two satellites have ever been by a meteor. (False: one satellite)
9. Mercedes invented a car by a joystick. (True)
10. A U.S. dollar bill can be approximately 2,000 times before it will tear.
(False: 4,000 times)

C. Now, read the facts to Student A. Can they guess which ones are true and which are false?