

- 1 Work in pairs. Invent the name of a country and think of the main events in its history. Use the ideas in the box to help you, and add your own ideas.

progress in _____ the discovery of _____ the foundation of _____, which caused _____
 was invaded by _____ was colonised by _____ the invention of _____, by _____
 the _____ movement advances in _____ the spread of _____ a period of development
 a great turning point the _____ revolution independence under the leadership of _____
 _____, the founder of _____

The history of _____ (name of country)

The 1700s: The age of _____

The 1800s: The _____ era

The early 1900s: A period of _____

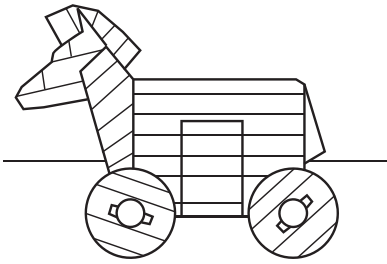
The 1950s to the 1990s: The modern era

The new millennium: The _____

- 2 Present your history to the class.



<p>A</p>	<p>B</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>D</p>
<p>E</p>	<p>F</p>	<p>G</p>	<p>H</p>
<p>I</p>	<p>J</p> <p>FIRST YOU ADD THE ONIONS...</p>	<p>K</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>M</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>O</p>	<p>P</p>



1
When: 12th Century BC
Where: Troy (west coast of modern day Turkey)
Who: The Trojans
What: After ten unsuccessful years of war, the Greeks decided to build a huge wooden horse as a 'gift' to the Trojans to end the war. The Trojans accepted this 'gift' and allowed the horse to be pushed into the city, with thirty Greek soldiers inside.

If the Trojans had(n't)

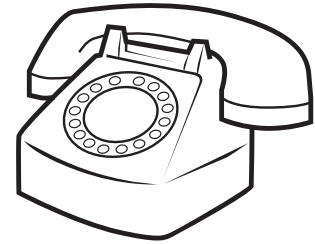
I would(n't) have



2
When: 1173
Where: Pisa, Italy
Who: unknown
What: One of Italy's biggest tourist attractions was actually a huge mistake, after the decision was taken to build a fifty-metre-tall tower on soft soil.

If they had(n't)

I would(n't) have



3
When: 1876
Where: the USA
Who: William Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company
What: When Alexander Graham Bell presented his idea for the telephone to Orton, he replied, 'while it is a very interesting novelty ... it has no commercial possibilities' Bell patented his invention himself and founded his own company, AT&T. It went on to become the most valuable patent ever.

If William Orton had(n't)

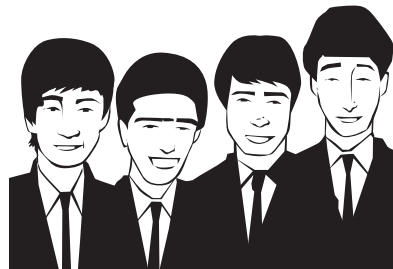
I would(n't) have



4
When: 1920
Where: the USA
Who: United States government
What: After World War I, people were worried about social decline and a drop in moral standards in the USA. The government decided the problem was with alcohol and made it illegal. Alcohol consumption over the next ten years actually increased, along with organised crime, and they dropped the law in 1933.

If the government had(n't)

I would(n't) have



5
When: 1962
Where: London, England
Who: Dick Rowe, Decca Records
What: After listening to *The Beatles* Dick Rowe contacted *The Beatles'* manager, Brian Epstein, and told him he wasn't interested, and that guitar music was 'finished'. The Beatles then went on to become one of the most famous bands of all time.

If Dick Rowe had(n't)

I would(n't) have



6
When: 1979
Where: the USA
Who: Ross Perot
What: Perot saw Bill Gates' Microsoft company as having a good future, and offered to buy it for a figure between \$6 million and \$15 million. Bill Gates wanted \$40-\$60 million. Perot thought this was too much and walked away. Microsoft is now worth billions of dollars.

If Perot (or Gates) had(n't)

I would(n't) have



Worksheet A

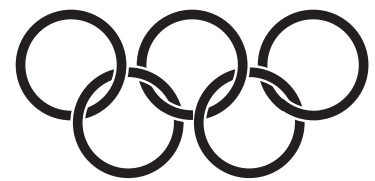
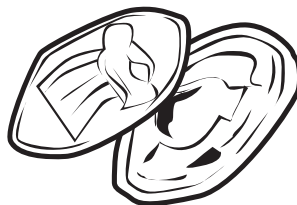
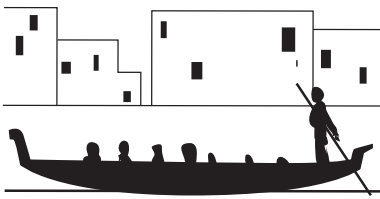
Read out the sentences using the correct tense and form of the verb in brackets (active or passive). Your partner will guess if they are true or false.



- 1 Acupuncture _____ (first use) in 2700 BC by Chinese Emperor Shen Nung. (true)
- 2 Christmas _____ (become) a national holiday in the USA in 1918. (false, all states recognised it as a holiday by 1890)
- 3 In the Middle Ages, it _____ (believe) the heart was the centre of intelligence. (true)
- 4 In 1892, Italy _____ (raise) the minimum age of marriage for girls to 16. (false, it was 12)
- 5 Roman coins _____ (discover) in the USA. (true)
- 6 One percent of the world's surface _____ (permanently cover) by ice. (false, it's ten percent)
- 7 More than half of the world's oxygen _____ (produce) by the Amazon rainforest. (false, it's twenty percent)
- 8 According to a US journal, by 2040 the Arctic Ocean _____ (have) no ice. (true)

Worksheet B

Read out the sentences using the correct tense and form of the verb in brackets (active or passive). Your partner will guess if they are true or false.



- 1 The first coins _____ (use) by the Romans. (false, it is thought the first coins were used by the Lydians, around 600 BC)
- 2 National beauty contests _____ (cancel) in Canada in 1992. (true)
- 3 John F Kennedy _____ (visit) China in 1972, the first US President to do so. (false, it was Richard Nixon)
- 4 The 'Black Death' _____ (reduce) the population of Europe by half from 1347 to 1351. (false, it was by one third)
- 5 The first modern Olympics _____ (hold) in Athens in 1896. (true)
- 6 All gondolas in Venice _____ (paint) red. (false, they are painted black)
- 7 Mount Everest _____ (grow) by five millimetres every year. (true)
- 8 According to National Geographic, in twenty years the Amazon rainforest _____ (reduce) by forty percent. (true)

The _____ School Quiz

Team name: _____

1 How many teachers are there in your school?	
2 How many students are there in your school?	
3 When did your school first open?	
4 When is your teacher's birthday?	
5 How many levels of general English does your school offer?	
6 Does your school offer any specialist English courses? If so, which ones?	
7 Does your school have any other branches? If so, where?	
8 Is your school open all year round?	
9 Has your teacher worked in any other countries? If so, which ones?	
10 How many classrooms does your school have?	
11 Does your school have computers for students to use? If so, how many?	
12 How many secretaries are there?	
13 Does your school have a course for complete beginners?	
14 Is there a minimum age to study at your school? If so, what is it?	
15 Is there a maximum age to study at your school? If so, what is it?	
16 What is the school director's name?	
17 Can you name five teachers who work at your school?	
18 What exams can you study for at your school?	
19 How many TVs are there in your school?	
20 What time does your school open in the morning?	