

## Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: writing and asking questions from prompts, forming sentences, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

## Focus

Past simple passive

## Aim

To ask and answer general knowledge quiz questions in the past simple passive.

## Preparation

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

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

30 minutes

## Introduction

In this fun past simple passive game, students ask and answer general knowledge quiz questions in the past simple passive.

## Procedure

Explain that the students are going to do a quiz to practice the past simple passive. Write the following quiz question prompt and possible answers on the board:

When / credit cards / invent?  
a. 1945      b. 1950      c. 1955

Elicit the quiz question and have students guess the answer by making a past simple passive sentence (answer: 1950).

Example:

Q: When were credit cards invented?  
A: Credit cards were invented in 1950.

Next, divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet. Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Go through the vocabulary on the worksheet and explain any unfamiliar words.

Students begin by writing the past simple passive quiz questions in the box next to the prompt.

Next, Student A goes first and asks the first quiz question to Student B, i.e. 'When was Facebook created?'

Student A then gives the three possible answers. The correct answer is shown in bold on the worksheet.

Student B gives their answer by making a past simple passive sentence, e.g. 'Facebook was created in 2004'. If the answer is correct, the student scores a point. If the sentence is grammatically correct, the student scores an extra point. Students write their partner's score in the box.

Students then swap roles and Student B asks their first question.

The student with the highest score at the end wins the game.

Afterwards, review the questions and answers with the class. As an extension, students can write past simple passive sentences about the answers.

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### Answer key

#### Student A

1. When was Facebook created?
2. Where were the first Olympic games held?
3. When was America founded?
4. Where was the largest earthquake recorded?
5. When were the Egyptian pyramids built?
6. Where was the Lord of the Rings filmed?
7. When were guns invented?
8. Where was the first modern car made?
9. When was Buddha born?
10. Where was the first museum built?
11. When was the first iPad released?
12. Where was the Internet first developed?

#### Student B

1. When was paper invented?
2. Where was the first photograph taken?
3. When was the first email sent?
4. Where were the gladiator fights held?
5. When were atoms discovered?
6. Where was Napoleon born?
7. When was Harry Potter written?
8. When was World War Two started?
9. When was the first space shuttle launched?
10. Where was ice cream first produced?
11. When was the Eiffel Tower built?
12. Where was the World Cup held in 2018?

**Student A**

1. When / Facebook / create?	
a. 2000 b. 2002 <b>c. 2004</b>	
2. Where / the first Olympic games / hold?	
<b>a. Greece</b> b. Cyprus c. Egypt	
3. When / America / found?	
a. 1701 <b>b. 1776</b> c. 1798	
4. Where / the largest earthquake / record?	
a. Japan b. Indonesia <b>c. Chile</b>	
5. When / the Egyptian pyramids / build?	
<b>a. 2630 BC</b> b. 2840 BC c. 3510 BC	
6. Where / the Lord of the Rings / film?	
<b>a. New Zealand</b> b. Ireland c. Germany	
7. When / guns / invent?	
a. 1258 <b>b. 1364</b> c. 1476	
8. Where / the first modern car / make?	
a. America <b>b. Germany</b> c. England	
9. When / Buddha / born?	
a. 214 BC b. 416 BC <b>c. 623 BC</b>	
10. Where / the first museum / build?	
<b>a. Russia</b> b. England c. Norway	
11. When / the first iPad / release?	
a. 2009 <b>b. 2010</b> c. 2011	
12. Where / the Internet / first / develop?	
a. Canada <b>b. America</b> c. China	

**Student B**

1. When / paper / invent?	
a. <b>100 BC</b> b. 10 BC c. 254 AD	
2. Where / the first photograph / take?	
a. England <b>b. France</b> c. Italy	
3. When / the first email / send?	
<b>a. 1973</b> b. 1983 c. 1993	
4. Where / the gladiator fights / hold?	
a. Turkey <b>b. Italy</b> c. Greece	
5. When / atoms / discover?	
a. 1765 b. 1808 <b>c. 1897</b>	
6. Where / Napoleon / born?	
a. Spain b. Portugal <b>c. France</b>	
7. When / Harry Potter / write?	
a. 1992 <b>b. 1997</b> c. 1999	
8. When / World War Two / start?	
<b>a. 1939</b> b. 1839 c. 1945	
9. When / the first space shuttle / launch?	
a. 1961 b. 1971 <b>C. 1981</b>	
10. Where / ice cream / first / produce?	
a. China b. Italy <b>c. France</b>	
11. When / the Eiffel Tower / build?	
a. 1859 <b>b. 1887</b> c. 1901	
12. Where / the World Cup / hold / in 2018?	
a. Brazil b. South Africa <b>c. Russia</b>	