

# 10A History Hear / Say

**Activity type:** Speaking and Listening – Hear / Say – Groups of three

**Aim:** To practise years and the past simple

**Language:** Years – Coursebook p78 – Vocabulary

**Preparation:** Make one copy of the worksheet for every three learners. Cut along the dotted lines into three separate cards.
























**Time:** 15–20 minutes

- 1 Pre-teach *moon*. Write on the board the following years: *1325, 1962, 2000, 2004, 2015* and ask learners how to say them (*thirteen twenty-five; nineteen sixty-two; two thousand; two thousand and four; two thousand and fifteen*). Write the following verbs on the board: *open, walk, start, make, die, get, be, become, write, leave*. Learners say the past simple form. Write answers on the board.
- 2 Put learners into groups of three. Give each learner a card, A, B or C. If you have one or two extra learners, they can share a card and take turns to speak, but there must be three cards in each group.
- 3 In each group, A starts by saying the year next to the word *START* in the *SAY* column (*2004*). The other learner who has that year in the *HEAR* column looks at the prompts next to it in the *SAY* column (*The Olympic Games / open / in Athens*). The learner uses the prompts given to make a past simple sentence (*In 2004, the Olympic Games opened in Athens*). The other learner who has this sentence in the *HEAR* column corrects the previous learner if necessary and responds with the year in the *SAY* column next to it (*1987*). The activity continues in this way until the group reaches *FINISH*. Go round and check as learners are speaking.
- 4 Learners turn over their cards when they finish. Say years and names from the exercise. Learners try to remember the information and make sentences. For example, if you say *Nelson Mandela* or *1918*, learners should say *Nelson Mandela was born in 1918*.

## Extension

Learners can find more information about all of these subjects at <http://en.wikipedia.org/>.

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A		B		C	
HEAR	SAY	HEAR	SAY	HEAR	SAY
<b>START</b>	2004	 Kemal Atatürk became the President of Turkey.	1325	 1997	Mother Theresa / die / in Calcutta.
 Bill Gates left Microsoft.	2015	 Jackie Chan started acting.	1923	 Man walked on the moon.	1876
 Nelson Mandela was born.	1969	 Mother Theresa died in Calcutta.	1962	 Alexander Graham Bell made the first phone call.	2008
 Ibn Battuta started travelling.	1918	 Kim Dae-Jung got the Nobel Peace Prize.	1962	 The Olympic games opened in Athens.	1987
 Paulo Coelho wrote <i>The Alchemist</i> .	1997	 2004	The Olympic Games / open / in Athens.	 1918	Nelson Mandela / born.
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 1876	Alexander Graham Bell / make / the first phone call.	 1987	Paulo Coelho / write / <i>The Alchemist</i> .	 2015	<b>FINISH</b>