



Past simple – questions and short answers

Part 1: Video preparation

1 Do you remember listening to the programme about Sir Richard Branson on page 106 of your Student's Book? Look at the photos. Match 1–3 with three of the photos. Use the track and script in your Student Resource Centre for help.

- 1 Virgin Galactic
- 2 Virgin Atlantic
- 3 Virgin shops



2 What two things does the radio programme say Sir Richard Branson loves?

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3 Complete the words with vowels (a, e, i, o, u) in these sentences about Sir Richard Branson.

- 1 He b...g...n a company in 1984.
- 2 He b.....lt his own studio.
- 3 He ...p...n...d a record shop.
- 4 He b.....ght a train company.
- 5 Why did he cr.....te that company?
- 6 He pl...ns to fly people into space.

Part 2: Video comprehension

Watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

1 Circle the best answers to the questions.

- 1 In the video, the presenter (Dave) talks about Richard Branson's ...
 - a family.
 - b career.
 - c hobbies.
- 2 What did Richard Branson do in London?
 - a He worked for a magazine.
 - b He opened a shop.

- 3 What was Dave's first job?
 - a He washed dishes.
 - b He worked in a supermarket.
- 4 What does Richard Branson sell now?
 - a tickets to space
 - b student magazines

2 Read these questions from the video explanation. Match the questions with the answers a and b.

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| 1 What did he do after he left school? | a No, he didn't. |
| 2 Did he continue with the magazine for a long time? | b He started a magazine. |

3 Tick (✓) the questions and answers that appear in the video explanation. One of the questions or answers that appears in the video explanation is NOT correct. Correct it.

- 1 What did he do? ☐
- 2 No, he didn't. ☐
- 3 Did he open a shop next? ☐
- 4 Yes, he did open. ☐
- 5 What did I do in my first job? ☐
- 6 Did I wash dishes in England? ☐

4 Circle the correct alternatives to complete the rules for questions and short answers from the video explanation.

- 1 To make a question in the present simple/past simple we use do or does.
- 2 To make a question in the present simple/past simple we use did.
- 3 To give a short answer in the past simple, we don't repeat/repeat the main verb.

Part 3: Grammar practice

Complete the questions and answers with the verbs in the box.

do • get up • eat • see • take

- 1 A: What last weekend? (you)
B: I went to the beach.
- 2 A: When the exam. (he)
B: Last week.
- 3 A: her best friend at school? (she)
B: Yes, she
- 4 A: What at the party? (you)
B: Chicken and salad.
- 5 A: early this morning? (they)
B: No, they