

Module 7 Extraordinary lives

1 Answer the questions about the life of David Platonoff's Russian grandmother.

a Who did she work for in Russia?

She worked for a rich family.

b Where did the family decide to move to?

_____.

c Where did the family take his grandmother for a walk?

_____.

d What did they say to her?

_____.

e How old was his grandmother at the time?

_____.

f Where was the big Russian community in London at the time?

_____.

g How old was David's grandfather when he met his grandmother?

_____.

h How many children did they have?

_____.

Now check your answers in the tapescript on page 169.

2 Look at the verbs and check the meaning of any you are not sure of in your dictionary.

discover

start

transmit

walk

make

defeat

attack

invent

complete

3 Fill the first spaces in the sentences below with the verbs above in the past tense.

a Columbus **discovered** America on **October 10th 1492**.

b The Duke of Wellington _____ Napoleon at Waterloo on _____.

c Alexander Bell _____ the first words by telephone on _____.

d The Wright brothers _____ the first flight on _____.

e The Second World War _____ on _____.

f Yuri Gagarin _____ an orbit of the earth on _____.

g Neil Armstrong _____ on the moon on _____.

i Tim Berners-Lee _____ the internet in _____.

4 Now complete the sentences with the following dates:

17/12/1903

10/12/1492

6/3/1876

10/1990

12/4/1961

3/9/1939

19/6/1815

20/7/1969

TEACHER'S NOTES

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This worksheet is designed to be used once students have completed Module 7.

1 Students answer the questions and then check their answers in the tapescript on page 169.

- a She worked for a rich family.
- b They decided to move to London.
- c They took her for a walk in the centre of London.
- d They said, "Wait here. We'll come back in a few minutes."
- e She was sixteen.
- f It was in Shoreditch in east London.
- g He was forty-eight years old.
- h They had two children, David's father and his uncle.

2 Students look at the verbs and check the meanings in their dictionaries if necessary.

3 Students use the verbs to complete the sentences.

4 Students decide which dates go with which event and write the dates into the spaces at the end of the sentences, using the full written form as in the example.

- a Columbus **discovered** America on **October 12th 1492**.
- b The Duke of Wellington **defeated** Napoleon at Waterloo on **June 19th 1815**.
- c Alexander Bell **transmitted** the first words by telephone on **March 6th 1876**.
- d The Wright brothers **made** the first flight on **December 17th 1903**.
- e The Second World War **started** on **September 3rd 1939**.
- f Yuri Gagarin **completed** an orbit of the earth on **April 12th 1961**.
- g Neil Armstrong **walked** on the moon on **July 20th 1969**.
- i Tim Berners-Lee **invented** the internet in **October 1990**.