

Spotlight

GRAMMATIK SPEZIAL



TALKING ABOUT TIME:

TENSES

IN ENGLISH!

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to future simple –
everything you
need to know



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Task 1. Read the text “Eight Facts about U.S. History”. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense form. Fill in the table.

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| land - | become - | die - | make - |
| settle - | design - | speak - | achieve - |
| sail - | supervise - | write - | fly - |
| found - | be - | arrive - | take - |
| call - | fight - | see - | say - |

Task 2. Match the texts A-H with the headings (1-9). There is one extra heading. Put your results into the table.

1. Words that made history
2. Construction of the official residence for American presidents
3. Languages and dialects
4. Participants and victims of the cruel war
5. First settlers
6. Home for people with different political and religious beliefs
7. The first permanent settlement
8. Across the Atlantic Ocean
9. Both benefits and downsides

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
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Task 3. The text “Eight Facts about U.S. History” describes some important historical events. Write the events associated with the following dates:

Example: 1607 - foundation of the first colony in North America

May 1927, 1492, 1861, July 1969, 1865

Task 4. Complete the table with the dates and events from Task 3 in chronological order:

| Date | Event |
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Task 5. Answer the following questions using the information from the text «Eight facts about U.S. history»

1. How many immigrants arrived in America by the year 1900?
2. Who were the first people landed and settled in North America?
3. Who designed the White House in America?
4. Who was the first of American presidents who lived in the White House?
5. How long did the Civil War in America last?
6. Who made the first nonstop transatlantic flight and when?
7. What was the name of the first colony in North America?
8. Why did many immigrants from Europe want to settle in America?
9. How many Italians were there among immigrants who arrived in the USA at the end of 19th century?
10. What is Neil Armstrong famous for?

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Task 6. Choose one of the people below, gather information about him/her and prepare a presentation - a short story about this person in English, according to the plan. (слайд 6 презентации)

Джеймс Хобан, Джон Адамс, Нейл Армстронг, Чарльз Линдберг

Plan:

- Photo/Portrait
- Place of birth
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- Interests
- The main achievements / medals
- The famous quotes (цитаты)

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- 1) Was there any new information about the USA at the lesson today?
- 2) What historical fact(s) impressed you most of all?
- 3) What historical facts(s) about the USA would you like to get more information?
- 4) What famous American signs were mentioned in the texts?
- 5) What famous American people were mentioned in the texts?