

Test 4

Grammar. Past Tenses

Topic. Explorers

1.1. (Obligatory). Review & Test. MyGrammarLab. Module 6. Pp. 102–104.

1.2. (Obligatory). Test. British Council Learn English.

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/different-uses-of-used-to>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/past-habits-used-to-would-past-simple>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/past-perfect>

1.3. (Obligatory). Vocabulary

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/reading-zone/b2-graded-reading/amazing-adventurers-b2>

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/space-tourism-one-step-closer>

1.4. (Obligatory). Write a short biography (at least 100 words) of any of explorers listed below. Provide biographical information and the main achievements using as much vocabulary from your exercises as possible. Use the texts on pages 97 and 103 of My Grammar Lab as examples.

The list of famous explorers:

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506): An Italian explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean under the Spanish flag. He is credited with discovering the Americas, although he believed he had reached Asia.

Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521): A Portuguese explorer who led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe.

Vasco da Gama (c. 1460-1524): A Portuguese explorer who found a sea route to India by sailing around the Cape of Good Hope.

Marco Polo (c. 1254-1324): A Venetian merchant and explorer who traveled the Silk Road to China. His book, *The Travels of Marco Polo*, introduced Europeans to the wonders of Asia.

Zheng He (1371-1433): A Chinese explorer who led seven voyages to Southeast Asia, India, the Middle East, and Africa. His expeditions were larger and more ambitious than any European voyages of the time.

Ibn Battuta (1304-1377): A Moroccan explorer who traveled extensively throughout the Islamic world and beyond. His travels covered over 120,000 kilometers (75,000 miles) and took him to more than 40 countries.

Sir Francis Drake (1540-1596): An English privateer and explorer who circumnavigated the globe. He was also a naval commander and played a key role in defeating the Spanish Armada.

Roald Amundsen (1872-1928): A Norwegian explorer who led the first expedition to reach the South Pole.

Neil Armstrong (1930-2012): An American astronaut who was the first person to walk on the Moon.

Jacques Cousteau (1910-1997): A French oceanographer and filmmaker who pioneered underwater exploration and conservation.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes: A British explorer known for his endurance and record-breaking expeditions, including circumnavigating the globe unsupported and crossing Antarctica on foot.

Bear Grylls: A British adventurer, writer, and television presenter famous for his survival skills and extreme challenges. He has explored remote locations worldwide and has hosted popular survival shows.

Ellen MacArthur: A British sailor who broke the world record for solo non-stop circumnavigation of the globe. She's also a passionate advocate for sustainable ocean conservation.

Victor Vescovo: An American explorer who has ventured to the deepest point in the ocean, the Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench. He's also climbed the highest peak on each continent.

Sally Ride: The first American woman in space and the youngest American astronaut to fly to space. She was also a physicist and an advocate for science education.