

# Unit 2 What do you know?



## Team A

- 1 In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, which explorer led a British Antarctic expedition that \_\_\_\_\_ (*suppose*) be the first to reach the South Pole, but which ended in disaster?  
a) Guy Bullock                      **b) Ernest Shackleton**      c) St John Philby                      d) Sir Ranulph Fiennes
- 2 Which ambitious transportation program, initiated in the 1960s, \_\_\_\_\_ (*mean*) be a high-speed alternative to conventional planes but was ultimately abandoned?  
a) Hypersonic Travel      b) Rapid Transit                      **c) Supersonic Transport**      d) Sonic Commuting
- 3 Which American highway \_\_\_\_\_ (*use*) be the primary means for migrating west, especially during the 1930s, but was officially removed from the United States Highway System in 1985?  
**a) Route 66**                      b) Route 69                      c) Route 77                      d) Route 99
- 4 The 'unsinkable' RMS Titanic \_\_\_\_\_ (*due*) arrive in New York City on what date before it famously sank?  
**a) April 17, 1912**                      b) April 18, 1912                      c) April 19, 1912                      d) April 20, 1912
- 5 The Channel Tunnel linking England and France \_\_\_\_\_ (*expect*) cost £5.5 billion but in the end cost significantly more than that. What was the approximate final cost?  
a) £8.5 billion                      **b) £9 billion**                      c) £10.5 billion                      d) £12 billion



## Team B

- 1 In which city can you find the Brandenburg Airport, which was begun in 2006 and \_\_\_\_\_ (*suppose*) open in 2011, but didn't actually open for commercial traffic until 2020?  
a) Munich                      b) Frankfurt                      c) Cologne                      **d) Berlin**
- 2 Begun in 1907 and ultimately abandoned, the so-called 'Devil's Railroad' \_\_\_\_\_ (*mean*) provide which South American country with access to the Atlantic Ocean?  
a) Chile                      **b) Bolivia**                      c) Paraguay                      d) Peru
- 3 In the not-too-distant past, what were the documents that tourists \_\_\_\_\_ (*use*) rely on to pay for goods and services while on international trips?  
a) currency vouchers                      b) credit notes                      **c) traveller's cheques**                      d) money orders
- 4 Which of these famous landmarks \_\_\_\_\_ (*due*) be pulled down twenty years after its inauguration but is now a permanent feature?  
a) the Statue of Liberty                      **b) the Eiffel Tower**                      c) the Wheel of Brisbane                      d) the Space Needle
- 5 Airships \_\_\_\_\_ (*expect*) revolutionise air travel until the Hindenburg crashed spectacularly in which US state?  
a) New York                      b) Massachusetts                      **c) New Jersey**                      d) Pennsylvania

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## Activity

In small groups: reading and speaking

## Aim

To practise using past forms

## Grammar

Past forms

## Preparation

For each pair of teams, make one copy of the worksheet and cut it in half.

## Time

20 minutes

## Teaching notes

### Procedure

- › Divide students into pairs or teams, A and B. Give the Team As the top half of the worksheet and the Team Bs the bottom.
- › Tell the teams that they are going to ask another team the questions on their quiz. Point out that the two quizzes are different, and that the correct multiple-choice option is in bold.
- › First, the teams must complete the questions on their quiz using a correct past form of the verb given. While they do this, circulate and provide support.
- › Once you have confirmed that all of the questions have been completed correctly, match each Team A with a Team B, and let the teams ask each other their questions. One option is to have one team ask all of their questions and then the other team ask all of theirs; alternatively, each team could ask one question at a time.
- › The team with the most correct answers is the winner.

### Answers

#### Team A

- 1 In the early 20th century, which explorer led a British Antarctic expedition that was supposed to be the first to reach the South Pole, but which ended in disaster?
- 2 Which ambitious transportation program, initiated in the 1960s, was meant to be a high-speed alternative to conventional planes but was ultimately abandoned?
- 3 Which American highway used to be the primary means for migrating west, especially during the 1930s, but was officially removed from the United States Highway System in 1985?
- 4 The 'unsinkable' RMS Titanic had been due to / was due to arrive in New York City on what date before it famously sank?
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#### Team B

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### Extension activity

Have your students create some of their own quiz questions using past forms.