

2001 Happy Birthday!

The year you were born!

- 15 January** 'Wikipedia', the free encyclopedia, first (1) **went** (go) online. It now has over 40 million articles.
- 20 January** George W. Bush (2) **became** (become) President of the United States.
- 19 February** The foot and mouth crisis (3) **began** (begin) on British farms. Farmers killed 10 million animals and it (4) **cost** (cost) Britain £8 billion.
- 8 April** Tiger Woods (5) **won** (win) the Masters Golf Tournament in Georgia, US, and was named 'Player of the Year'.
- 6 May** American billionaire, Dennis Tito, became the first space tourist. He (6) **went** (go) on the Russian Soyuz spacecraft, TM-32. He (7) **paid** (pay) \$20 million for the trip and (8) **spent** (spend) 8 days in space.
- 16 June** President George W. Bush (9) **met** (meet) the Russian prime minister, Vladimir Putin for the first time at a conference in Slovenia.
- 11 September** 9/11 – 19 hijackers (10) **took** (take) control of four US airline planes. They (11) **flew** (fly) two of them into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York City. Almost 5,000 died.
- 23 October** Apple computers introduced the first iPod. It (12) **gave** (give) you '1,000 songs in your pocket!'.



- 9 November** Pottermania began! The first Harry Potter film, 'The Philosopher's Stone' **(13)** **(come)** out. It **(14)** **(make)** over \$970 million at the box office worldwide.
- 29 November** George Harrison died – founding member of The Beatles pop group.
- 15 December** The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy reopened after 11 years. First built in 1360, it **(15)** **(cost)** \$27 million dollars to repair.