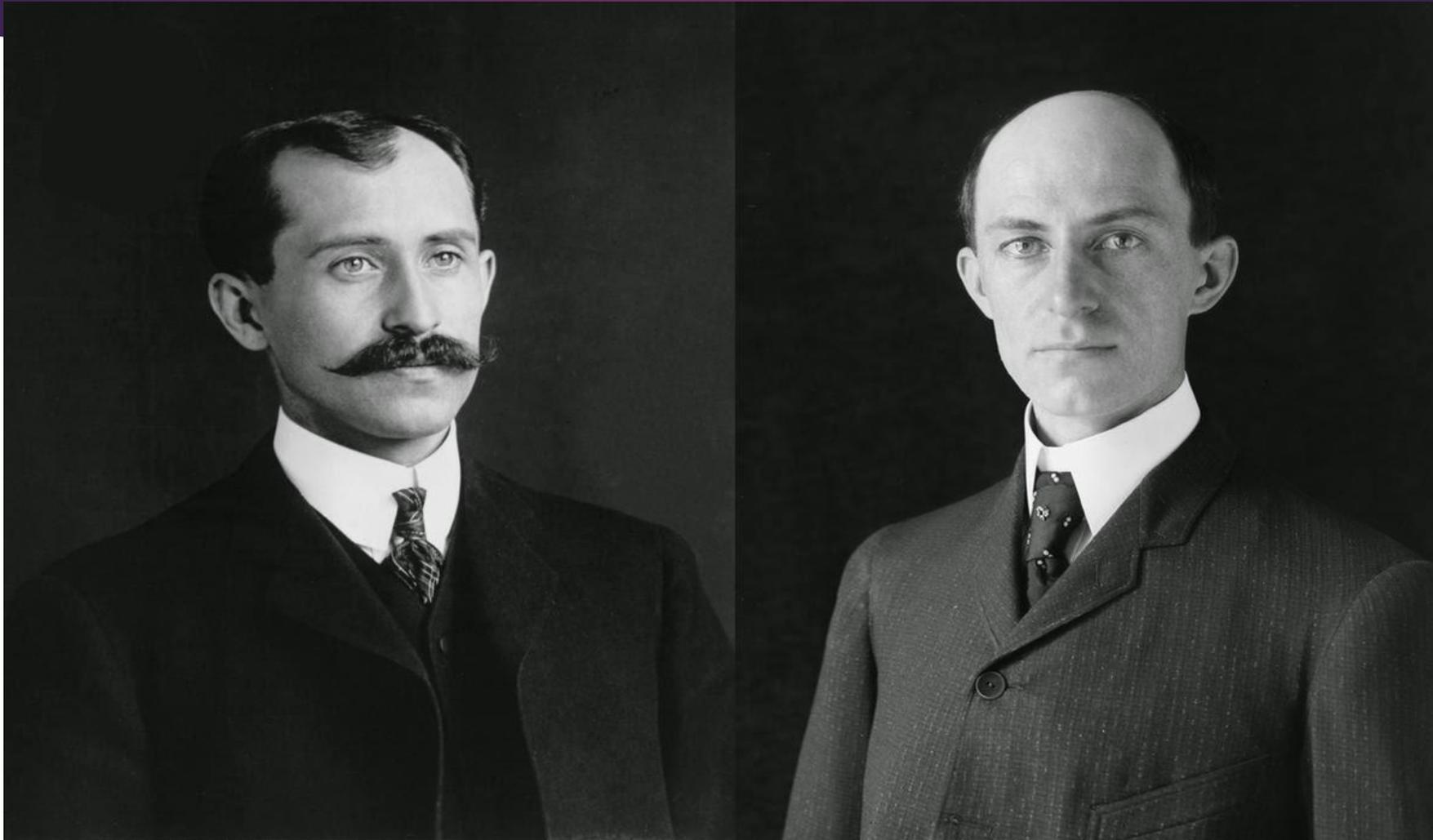


INVENTORS OF THE AEROPLANE

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Do you recognize those guys?



What do you know about them?



Listening audio



Listening task

▶ Listen to the story of the Wright brothers carefully and respond to the following questions.

1. Who are the Wright brothers?
2. When and where was the first airplane invented?
3. What inspired the inventors?
4. What were their special interests as kids?
5. How did they afford flight experiments?
6. What was the most important moment for them?
7. What did this moment offer to humanity?

Time for Grammar!

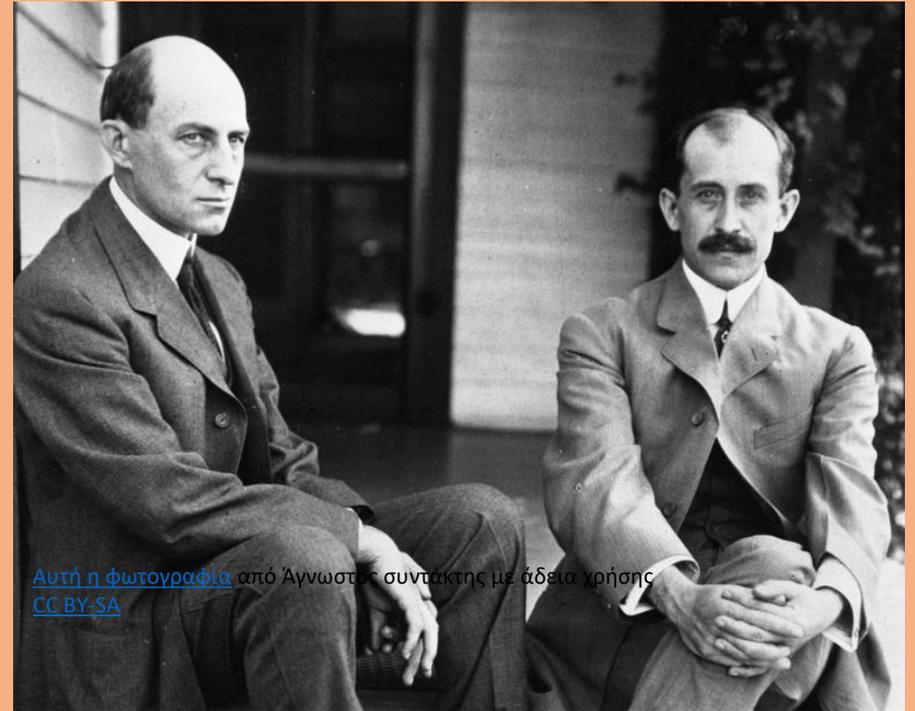
Past Simple -Αόριστος

Past Continuous-Παρατατικός

The Wright Brothers

“Wilbur and Orville Wright INVENTED the first airplane in the USA in 1903.”

“While the boys WERE GROWING UP, they WERE always REPAIRING and FIXING things.”



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Past Simple-Αόριστος

- For an action which happened in the past
She bought her iPhone last month
- For a repeated action in the past
When he was young, he often played football
- For actions which happened in the past one after the other
First she cooked dinner and then she took a shower
- Form of regular verbs: verb + ed suffix
- Eg Play → played **BUT:** cry → cried, like → liked, stop → stopped
- Negative: did not/didn't + verb **eg** did not/didn't play

Past Continuous-Παρατατικός

1. For actions which continued for some time in the past but whose exact limits are not known or are not important eg I was cooking at the time of the earthquake
 2. For a longer action which was happening when a shorter action interrupted it permanently (the verb that describes the shorter action is in the Simple Past tense) eg. She was playing chess when I called her.
 3. For two or more actions which were happening in the past at the same time
eg. He was having dinner while his brother was taking a shower.
- **Form:** was/were + verb with –ing suffix
 - eg. Was playing

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of Past Simple. Work in pairs

- In 1904–1905, the Wright brothers **DEVELOP** their flying machine
- John and his sister **LEARN** about the Wright brothers, while his aunt **WORK** on her computer.
- From the beginning of their aeronautical work, Wilbur and Orville **FOCUS** on developing a reliable method of pilot control as the key to solving "the flying problem".
- This approach **DIFFER** significantly from other experimenters of the time who put more emphasis on developing powerful engines. Using a small home-built [wind tunnel](#), the Wrights also **COLLECT** more accurate data than any before, enabling them to design more efficient wings and propellers.
- When the doorbell rang, John's uncle **SEND** an email on his computer and his cousin **PLAY** the guitar.
- Their first U.S. patent did not claim invention of a flying machine, but rather a system of aerodynamic control that **MANIPULATE** a flying machine's surfaces.

Thank you for your attention!