

We've made it to the top

Grammar the simple past

1. Fill in the gaps with the verb in bracket in the past simple. When there is a (-), write the negative form.

Rosa Parks (be) born in the 1913 in the USA. She
(change) the USA. When she (be) little, she (walk) to
school, she (-, drive) there. The white children (take) the
bus and Rosa (see) them everyday. She (-, go) to a mix
school but she (go) to a school for black children.
One day, after work, Rosa (feel) tired after work so she
(climb) onto a bus and (sit) as she (-, be) feeling well.
She (know) that as a black person, she (-, can) sit there
but she (choose) and she (-, stand).
The driver (drive) and (become) angry with her. He
..... (call) the police and they (send) Rosa to prison.

1) Fill in the blanks with words from the list below:

Shared / abroad / self-confidence / tiny / top / true

- a-The elephant is a very big animal, but the mouse is a one.
- b-She wants to travel in order to finish her studies.
- c-Thanks to my parents and my All my dreams came
- d-He his sandwich with his friend because she had nothing to eat.
- e)Jack wants to climb the mountain and be at the before his mates.

2) Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form:

I grew up in a rich family because my father had many companies.
When I **(get)** my diploma, my father wanted to employ me in one of his
companies. Every day I go very early and start **(work)** I think you won't
be **(success)** if you aren't active. That's why my father always advises me
to be serious, dynamic and **(ambition)** to be rich and famous like him. Now
I am satisfied with my own life since I have my own house, my own car and my own
(free)

Complete the following interview between Cara and the journalist:

- J: Hello Cara,.....?
- C: Of course you can.
- J:?
- C: I produce bottled mineral water and sell it to hotels and restaurants.

J:.....?

C: No, it wasn't successful at the beginning. I even started 2 businesses before this one.

J:.....?

C: First I started selling plastic bags. Then, I imported water from India. Unfortunately, the water lost its fizz and it was a failure.

J: Did you work alone?

C: No, never I have always worked with my husband.

J:.....?

C: Yes I am very happy. I achieved my dream of being rich and successful.

J: What would you advise young people who are scared of starting businesses?

C: I advise them to be determined and ambitious and they also shouldn't surrender when they do not succeed at the beginning. As it is said practice makes perfect.

J: Thank you Cara for your advice and time and good luck.

C:

Read this paragraph and put the bracketed verbs in the correct tense:

Thomas Alva Edison was a famous inventor. He invented the electric light, the phonograph and the motion camera. He **(to be)** born in Milan, on February 11, 1847. He **(to attend)** school for only two months. His mother, a former teacher, **(to teach)** him a few things but he was self-educated and he **(to start)** experimenting at a young age. His was successful. Thomas **(to die)** at the age of 84. He **(to leave)** numerous inventions that **(to improve)** the quality of life all over the world.

Write the simple past and the past participle of the following verbs:

verb	Simple past	Past participle
To be		
To begin		
To buy		
To come		
To dream		
To find		
To get		
To go		
To grow		
To have		
To know		
To leave		
To lose		
To make		
To sell		

Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form :

'I've made it to the top': Inspiring first female African-American U-2 spy plane pilot promoted to colonel after a decade flying risky missions at altitudes of 13 MILES

As a little girl, Meryll Tengesdal dreamed of (to become)..... an astronaut. Although she never got the chance to suit up for NASA, flying at 70,000 **(foot)** in the cockpit of a U-2 spy plane, Tengesdal came(close)..... to the edge of the Earth's atmosphere than most people ever will.

Tengesdal is only one of eight female U- pilots, and she held the (to distinguish).....of being the only African-American female pilot in the history of the high-altitude recon aircraft program, which celebrates its 50th anniversary next August.

Recently, the trailblazing Air Force officer **(to promote)**..... to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

'I feel like I've made it to the top. Being an astronaut **(will)**..... be the cream. But I've got the whole cake and everything. I'm good,' Tengesdal tells [NBC](#).

Meryll Tengesdal **(start)**..... her career as a US Navy helicopter pilot before **(make)** the transition to the US Air Force in 2004. Over the past decade, she **(log)** 3,400 flight hours, 330 combat hours and(to serve)..... missions in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa, according to the [US Department of Defense](#).

But one of her most **(memory)** moments at the controls of her U-2 plane, affectionately nicknamed the Dragon Lady, happened stateside.

A couple of years ago, Tengesdal **(fly)**over Los Angeles when she saw a **(shoot)** star blazing across the night sky at eye level.

Tengesdal says for kids growing up in the US today, the sky is the limit, and all they have to do is shoot for those stars.

Think of how far you can go, because you can reach those. Because in America, we can pretty much do anything,' she says.

Tengesdal knows first-hand how difficult it can be to rise about one's humble circumstances.

The pioneering Air Force pilot **(grow)** up in a drug-ridden part of The Bronx, but she was **(unfortunate)** enough to have a strong support system, including her mother and teachers, who **(steer)** her clear of trouble.

In school, Tengesdal **(excel)** in math and was **(obsess)**.....with Star Trek.

In 1994, she graduated from the University of New Haven with a degree in engineering and then **(enrol)**..... in the Navy's Officer Candidate School, followed by a stint at flight training.

Her first aircraft was Navy's Seahawk helicopter, but Tengesdal yearned to fly (high) and challenge herself, and so she joined an elite force of **(little)**..... than 1,000 U-2 pilots after undergoing a rigorous nine-month training program.

'It is very uncommon, even less a female minority,' Tengesdal says. 'My career field is very male dominated, but I hope I **(help)** other females with similar aspirations to realize this is an option. I think we are all **(limit)**..... as to what we can accomplish.'

Writing:

Reorder the following sentences to get a coherent paragraph about Muhammad Ali Clay.(Real name = Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr.)

Muhammad Ali was one of the greatest 20th century boxers and athletes in the world.

- a-** He started boxing at the age of 12 after his bicycle was stolen.
- b-** On December 11, 1981, Ali retired for good with a career record of 56 wins, five losses and 37 knockouts.
- c-** He died on June 3, 2016, in Phoenix, Arizona.
- d-** He became an Olympic gold medallist in 1960 and the world heavyweight boxing champion in 1964.
- e-** He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 17, 1942.
- f-** In 1967, Ali refused to fight in Vietnam. He claimed his religious beliefs. (Being a Muslim).

Muhammad Ali

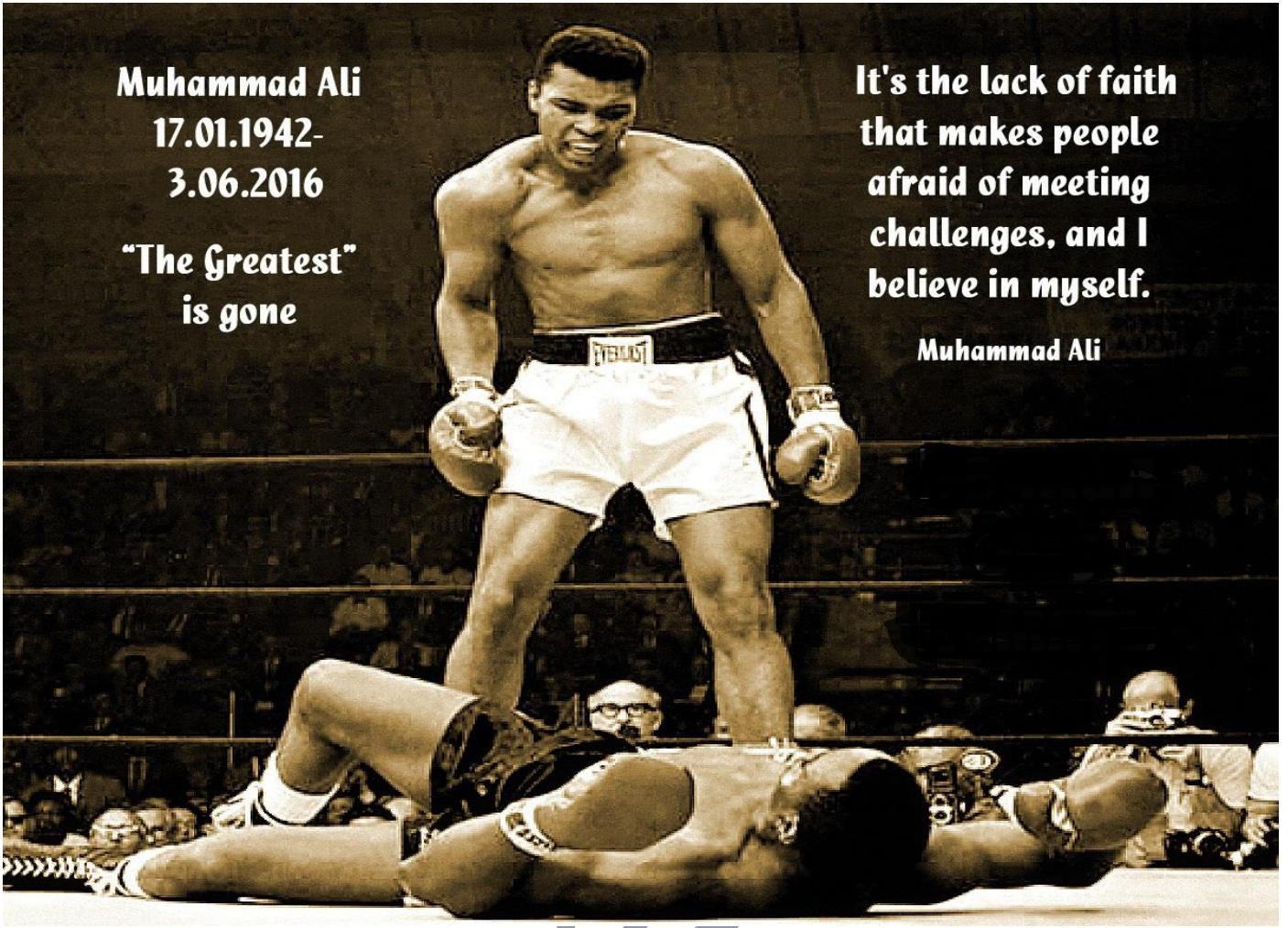
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**“The Greatest”
is gone**

**It's the lack of faith
that makes people
afraid of meeting
challenges, and I
believe in myself.**

Muhammad Ali



A man of honour

Topic sentence: Muhammad Ali was one of the greatest 20th century boxers and athletes in the world.

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Conclusion:

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