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# A letter about the past

Amy is writing a letter to her friend, Bill.

2nd February, 202X

Dear Bill,

Happy New Year!

How are you? I hope your parents and you are all doing well in New York. I am writing to you because I need your help. I need to hand in a project about 'Games in the Past All Over the World' in May. Mum told me your mum moved to New York when she was seven. Can you ask her to give me some information?

Here are my questions:

1. My mum and dad used to play with **radio-controlled cars** when they were young. Did your mum play with them when she was small?
2. Did she used to play **marbles, Chinese checkers, beanbags, hopscotch or clapping games**? They are typical Chinese games, Were they popular in the U.S.A.?
3. Your mum works as a fashion designer. Did she used to put on **puppet plays** or make **models**?
4. What was your mum's favourite toy? Did she throw it away? If she keeps it, can she take a photo of it and e-mail the photo to me?

I got very good marks in the exams. Dad bought me a PlayStation 5, the latest video game console. I love it. Do you know about it? You should try to get one.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best wishes,

Amy



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Read the instructions and answer the following questions.

**A. Choose the best answer by blackening the circle '!'**

1. When will Amy hand in her project?

- A. In three weeks.
- B. In a month.
- C. In two months.
- D. In three months.

2. Which are typical Chinese games?

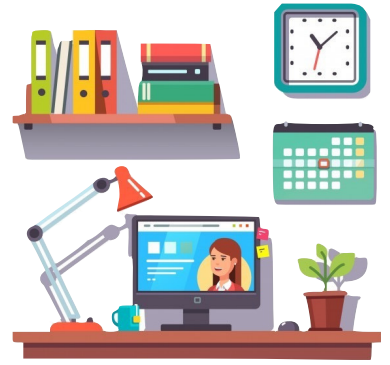
- A. Radio-controlled cars.
- B. Clapping games.
- C. Puppet plays.
- D. Models.

3. Where is New York?

- A. In Hong Kong.
- B. In the U.S.A.
- C. In Canada.
- D. In England

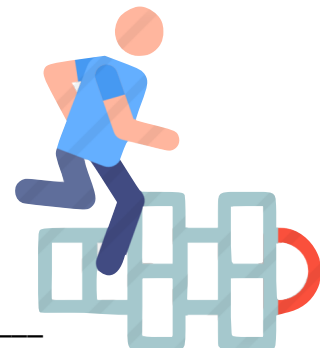
4. How does Amy feel about her exam results?

- A. Satisfied.
- B. Sad.
- C. Angry.
- D. Frightened.



**B. Fill in each blanks with ONE word.**

- 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a children's games in which each child has to jump from one square drawn on the ground to another.
- 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a model that you move by putting your fingers or hand inside.
- 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a small bag filled with beans.
- 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a small coloured glass ball.



**C. Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

1. Where does Bill live?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How old was Bill's mum when she left Hong Kong?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Amy's mum use to play with when she was young?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is Bill's mum?

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Useful common verb table- infinitive form and simple past tense

Infinitive	Past tense
be (am, is, are)	was / were
become	became
begin	began
bite	bit
blow	blew
break	broke
bring	brought
build	built
burn	burnt / burned
buy	bought
catch	caught
choose	chose
come	came
cut	cut
do	did
draw	drew
drink	drank

Infinitive	Past tense
lead	led
learn	learnt / learned
leave	left
lend	lent
let	let
lose	lost
make	made
meet	met
put	put
read	read
ride	rode
ring	rang
rise	rose
run	ran
say	said
see	saw
sell	sold



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Infinitive      Past tense

drove            drive

ate                eat

fell                fall

fed                feed

felt                feel

fought            fight

found             find

flew                fly

forgot            forget

forgave            forgive

froze              freeze

got                get

went              go

grew              grow

had                have

heard             hear

hid                hide

held                hold

hurt                hurt

kept                keep

knew              know

Infinitive

Past tense

send              sent

shine              shone

shoot             shot

sing                sang

sit                 sat

sleep              slept

smell              smelt / smelled

speak              spoke

spend             spent

stand              stood

steal              stole

swim              swam

take                took

teach              taught

tell                told

think              thought

throw              threw

wake                woke

wear                wore

win                won

write              wrote

