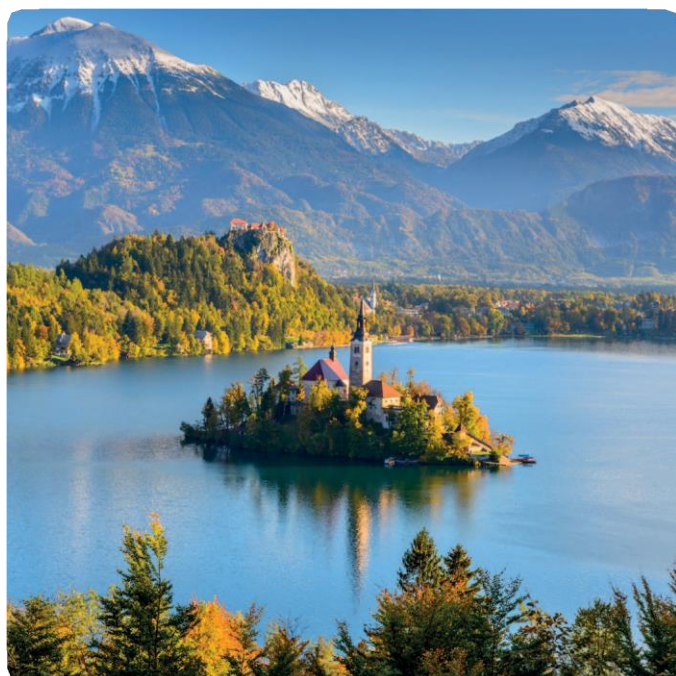


My country: **SLOVENIA**



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1 Slovenia on a plate

Welcome to *Lakota je, lakote ni*

Janez Novak and his British friends Helen and Peter are having lunch at a traditional Slovenian restaurant, *Lakota je, lakote ni*.

Helen This is such a nice restaurant, Janez! I really want to try some traditional Slovenian food. Is there a menu in English? This one is in German, I think.

Janez Yes, of course. Here it is.

Helen Mmm, I love mushrooms. I think I'll try the mushroom soup. What kind of mushrooms are in it?

Janez It's got boletus mushrooms. They're delicious!

Helen And what is *matevž*?

Janez It's like mashed potatoes, but it's also got beans and some pork in it.

Peter Sounds tasty! What about the *Grenadirmarš*?

Janez That's a potato and pasta dish. My mum often makes it for dinner at home. I can ask her to make it for you tomorrow.

Peter That would be great! Thanks, Janez. Do you know what *Idrija žlikrofi* are?

Janez Of course I do! That's one of the most popular Slovenian dishes. *Idrija* is the name of the town where they make it. The *žlikrofi* are dumplings filled with potatoes. Oh, here comes the waiter.

Waiter Good afternoon! Are you ready to order?

Helen I'd like mushroom soup for a starter, and then black pudding with cabbage and *matevž*.

Janez I'll have the same starter, and I'd like *Goriška goulash* with polenta for the main course.

Peter Beef soup and trout with baked potatoes and vegetables for me, please.

Waiter And what would you like to drink?

Helen Cockta for me and Peter, please.

Janez I'd like a cup of elderberry tea.

Waiter Would you like anything for dessert?

Peter Oh yes, please. Helen, let's have Bled cream cake again. Two pieces, please.

Waiter Excellent choice! Anything else?

Janez That's all, thank you.

Lakota je, lakote ni

.....
traditional Slovenian food

MENU

STARTERS

Beef soup	€3.50
Vegetable soup	€3.20
Mushroom soup	€4.00
Karst prosciutto ham, olives, cheese & homemade bread	€4.00

MAIN DISHES

Black pudding, cabbage & <i>matevž</i>	€8.00
Carniolan sausage with sauté potatoes	€9.00
Trout, baked potatoes & vegetables	€12.00
Chicken in cream sauce with mushrooms & <i>štruklji</i>	€12.00
Istrian Jota	€7.00
Prekmurje <i>Bograč</i>	€8.00
Goriška goulash with polenta	€8.00
Grenadirmarš (potato & pasta dish)	€7.00
Idrija <i>žlikrofi</i>	€9.00

DESSERTS

Pinca (sweet bread)	€2.00
Potica (walnut, poppy, hazelnut)	€3.00
Bled cream cake	€3.00
Prekmurje Gibanica	€3.50
Trojane doughnut	€3.00

DRINKS

<i>Hot</i>	
Tea (elderberry, linden, Alpine)	€2.50
Coffee	€2.00
<i>Cold</i>	
Juice (apple, orange, berry)	€2.00
Cockta	€2.50

1 Read the menu and label the pictures.



mushrooms



1 _____ 2 _____



3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____



6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____



9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____

2 Read the conversation. What food does each person choose? Complete the table.

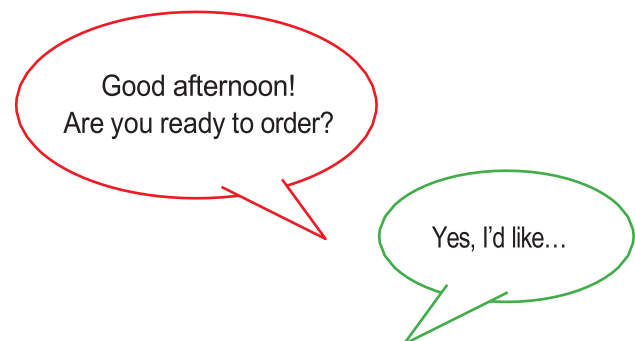
	HELEN	JANEZ	PETER
starter	mushroom soup		
main dish			
drink			
dessert			

3 Read the menu and the conversation again. Choose the correct answers.

Helen and Peter come from _____.
 a Slovenia b Germany **c the UK**

- Janez, Helen and Peter are having _____.
 a breakfast b lunch **c dinner**
- They're going to have _____ for dinner tomorrow.
 a Grenadirmarš b Idrija žlikrofi
 c Goriška goulash with polenta
- Idrija is the name of a _____.
 a person b town **c drink**
- Matevž is made of potatoes, beans and some _____.
 a meat b fish **c fruit**
- Everybody wants _____ for a starter.
 a potatoes b soup **c vegetables**
- _____ asks the waiter for some tea.
 a Helen b Peter **c Janez**
- There are _____ types of juice on the menu.
 a two b three **c four**
- Helen and Peter order _____ drinks and desserts.
 a the same b different **c similar**
- Pinca is a type of sweet _____.
 a soup b sausage **c bread**

4 Work in groups of four. Imagine you are having a meal at the *Lakota je, lakote ni* restaurant. Look at the menu and act out the conversation.



2

The most interesting animals in Slovenia

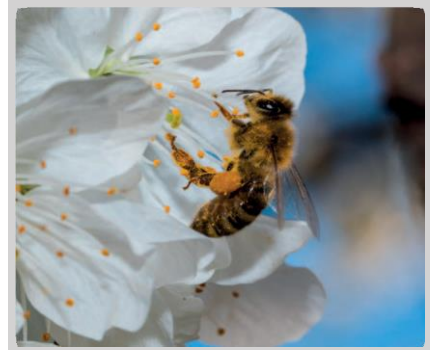
The wonders of the animal kingdom



The Karst Shepherd is a domestic animal. It's one of the most popular pets in Slovenia. It's a good watch dog, too. It helps shepherds look after their sheep.



The Lipizzaner is a beautiful ¹ _____. A young Lipizzaner has got dark skin at first, but it gets lighter as the animal gets older. It's got small ears and big eyes.



The Carniolan ² _____ is a small insect. It's grey and brown. It's more hard-working than wasps and it's very gentle. It makes delicious honey!



The ³ _____ is one of the most interesting animals. It lives in the water in caves. Its body is long and very thin, with a short tail. It can live for more than 100 years!



The Soča ⁴ _____ lives in fresh water – in the Soča river. Smaller trout stay in groups, but the larger fish prefer to stay alone. They eat insects and other fish.



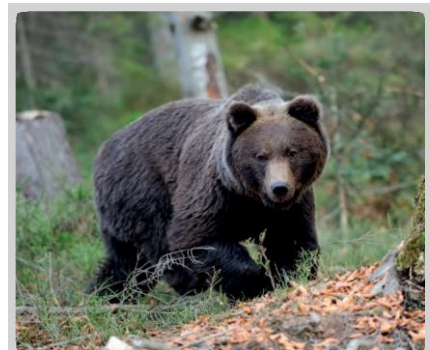
The Alpine ibex is a type of wild ⁵ _____. It can weigh up to 100 kg, but it's smaller than a horse. The males are bigger, heavier and have got larger horns than the females.



The ⁶ _____ is the largest bird in Slovenia. It's also one of the fastest birds in the world – it can fly at a speed of 320 km per hour! It eats small animals, like rabbits and squirrels.



The ⁷ _____ has got long orange legs and an orange beak. It doesn't like cold weather, so it flies to warm countries in winter. It's a symbol of the Prekmurje region.



The ⁸ _____ is the biggest animal in Slovenian forests – a fox, a wolf and a lynx are much smaller. It's very strong, and it can be quite aggressive when protecting its babies.

1 Read the texts and write the names of the animals.

goat white stork dog golden eagle olm
trout brown bear honeybee horse

2 Complete the table with adjectives from the texts.

	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Short adjectives	-er	the ... -est
old	<u>older</u>	the oldest
big	_____	_____
large	_____	_____
_____	_____	the smallest
heavy	_____	the heaviest
Longer adjectives	more	the most
interesting	more interesting	_____
popular	more popular	_____
_____	more beautiful	the most beautiful
_____	more aggressive	the most aggressive
hard-working	_____	the most hard-working

3 Compare these animals. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets and *than*.

the Karst Shepherd and the brown bear
(*strong, aggressive, thick*)

The brown bear is stronger and more aggressive than the Karst Shepherd. It's got thicker fur.

1 the Lipizzaner and the Alpine ibex
(*beautiful, big, heavy*)

2 the golden eagle and the white stork
(*large, fast, aggressive*)

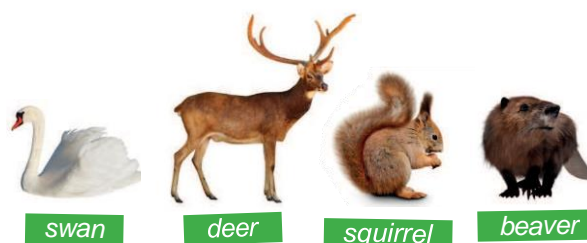
3 the Soča trout and the olm
(*small, thin, interesting*)

4 the Carniolan honeybee and the wasp
(*gentle, hard-working, dangerous*)

4 Do the quiz about animals in Slovenia.

ANIMALS IN SLOVENIA QUIZ

- 1** Which animal is the smallest?
a horse b fox c squirrel
- 2** Which animal is the biggest?
a lynx b brown bear c fox
- 3** Which bird is the fastest?
a golden eagle b white stork c swan
- 4** Which animal is the most dangerous?
a rabbit b Carniolan honeybee c wolf
- 5** Which animal is the heaviest?
a dog b deer c mouse
- 6** Which animal has got the thinnest body?
a olm b Soča trout c beaver
- 7** Which animal has got the largest horns?
a baby goat b male goat c female goat
- 8** Which animal is the most aggressive?
a Soča trout b sheep c brown bear
- 9** Which bird has got the longest legs?
a white stork b swan c golden eagle



5 Find information about an interesting Slovenian animal. Make a poster and present it to the class.

- What is it called?
- Where does it live (in the mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, etc.)?
- What can it do (fly, swim, climb, etc.)?
- What does it look like? Describe the animal's size (big/small), colour (dark/light), body shape (long/short), legs, eyes, ears, etc.
- What does it eat?
- Why do you think this animal is interesting? Compare it with two of the animals in exercise 1.

3 The best in Slovenia

IN LOVE WITH SLOVENIA

by Simon Davis



This is my first visit to Slovenia, but I definitely want to come again. I am in love with this beautiful country! The Slovenian countryside is breathtaking: there are waterfalls, rivers, lakes, caves ... You can climb mountains, go sightseeing in a big city, go hiking in a forest or sunbathe on a beach on the Adriatic coast. In the cities, there are beautiful buildings in all shapes, styles and colours. And traditional Slovenian food is delicious! So, this is my list of the best things to see, do and experience in Slovenia:

1 PREDJAMA CASTLE

It's a castle in front of a cave. This medieval building is awesome to look at, and it becomes even more **amazing** when you learn about its history. The most famous person who lived here was the knight Erazem Lueger. He was the lord of the castle in the 15th century.

Go inside the castle, take the audio guide and prepare to be **amazed** and **surprised**!

2 LAKE BLEĐ

It's not the biggest (Lake Bohinj), nor the deepest (Lake Velenje) in Slovenia, but it's without a doubt the most **interesting** and the most popular with tourists. Thousands of people visit the lake and the island every month. You can go on a tour of the lake in a Pletna boat. I often get **bored** on boat trips, and tourist attractions can be **disappointing**, but this one is different. The boat is very comfortable and the trip is **exciting**!

3 SAUTÉ POTATOES

Chips and mashed potatoes are **boring**, but Slovenian sauté potatoes are delicious! It's **surprising** that each region in the country has got a different recipe for making this dish, and there's even a sauté potato society in Slovenia. They organise a sauté potato festival every year.

4 SKI JUMPING IN PLANICA

People in Slovenia are very sporty. They get really **excited** about the achievements of Slovenian teams and athletes. If you are **interested** in sport, don't miss the ski jumping competition in Planica, near the Kranjska Gora ski resort. You won't be **disappointed**!

5 THE OLM

I was **shocked** when I first saw an olm in Postojna Cave. It's ugly and beautiful at the same time. Its skin is the same colour as human skin, so people call it 'the human fish'. Visit the underground zoo in the cave and see for yourself – it's **shocking**, dark, and an experience you'll remember for a long time!



1 Match 1–6 with a–f. Then read the blog post and check your answers.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 a type of food | a Kranjska Gora |
| 2 a winter sport | b sauté potatoes |
| 3 a type of boat | c ski jumping |
| 4 a famous person | d Pletna |
| 5 a ski resort | e Predjama Castle |
| 6 a building | f Erazem Lueger |

2 Read the blog post again. Which of these activities does Simon mention?

climbing swimming sightseeing hiking
fishing sunbathing snowboarding
canoeing ski jumping

3 Read the sentences and write true or false. Correct the false sentences.

Predjama Castle is inside a cave. **false**
Predjama Castle is in front of a cave.

- 1 Simon wants to visit Slovenia again.

- 2 Lake Velenje is bigger than Lake Bohinj.

- 3 Simon thinks the Pletna boat trip is boring.

- 4 He likes chips and mashed potatoes.

- 5 The sauté potatoes festival is once a month.

- 6 There's a ski resort near Planica.

- 7 Simon thinks that Slovenian people aren't interested in sport.

4 Look at the blue adjectives in the blog post. Complete the rules with -ing and -ed.

- 1 We use adjectives ending in _____ to describe how someone feels.
- 2 We use adjectives ending in _____ to describe a thing or a situation.

5 Choose the correct adjectives.

I'm interested / interesting in history. I love stories about kings and knights, like Matthias I and Erazem Lueger.

- 1 Bled Castle is on a cliff above the lake. The view from the tower is amazed / amazing.
- 2 People are never disappointed / disappointing when they visit Slovenia. There's so much to see and do here.
- 3 It's shocked / shocking that in the past people thought potatoes were poisonous.
- 4 Planica Valley is famous for its eight ski jumping hills. Ski jumping is an excited / exciting sport.
- 5 Winter in Slovenia is never bored / boring. You can ski, skate, go snowboarding or play ice hockey.
- 6 Most tourists are quite surprised / surprising when they see 'the human fish' for the first time.

6 Write a blog post about three things you can see, do or experience in Slovenia. Use the ideas below or your own ideas.

PLACES AND BUILDINGS

Triglav National Park Izola the Crystal Palace
Branik Castle Žiče Charterhouse Solkan Bridge
Škocjan Caves Piran

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

hiking sightseeing swimming fishing
canoeing and kayaking climbing ice skating
ice hockey

ANIMALS AND PLANTS

dolphin brown bear Alpine ibex marmot
edelweiss linden tree carnation Carniolan lily
golden eagle deer swan

The Old Money

On 1st January 2007, Slovenian people started using the euro. However, in the past Slovenians used a different currency. In 1991, when Slovenia became an independent country, it also got its own national currency: the tolar (SIT). The coins showed Slovenian symbols, such as animals and objects. There were bigger coins for 1, 2 and 5 tolar and smaller coins for 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 stotin. There were nine different banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 tolar. The banknotes were very colourful and they had portraits of famous Slovenians on them.



Primož Trubar (10 SIT) lived in the 16th century. He wrote the first two books in Slovenian: *Catechismus* and *Abecedarium*. The *Abecedarium* had only eight pages, but it was very important because it taught people the Slovenian alphabet.

Janez Vajkard Valvasor (20 SIT), a natural historian, studied the customs, traditions, history and landscape of Slovenia. His book *The Glory of the Duchy of Carniola* had 3,532 pages and 528 illustrations!

Jurij Vega (50 SIT) was a Slovenian mathematician and army officer. In 1780, he started teaching mathematics to soldiers. His first book was a mathematics textbook for his students.

The painter **Rihard Jakopič** (100 SIT) created more than 1,200 paintings and 650 drawings. He started an art school in Ljubljana and was one of the first members of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Jacobus Gallus Carniolus (200 SIT) was a 16th-century composer. He was from Carniola and his Slovenian name was Jakob Petelin Kranjski. His most famous work is *Opus musicum*, which he composed in 1587.

The architect **Jože Plečnik** (500 SIT) designed the Triple Bridge, the National and University Library of Slovenia (NUK), and many other buildings and parks in Ljubljana.

France Prešeren (1,000 SIT) studied law at university, but he became a poet. He started writing poems when he was very young. One of his most famous works is *Zdravljica* – the national anthem of Slovenia.

The painter **Ivana Kobilca** (5,000 SIT) studied and worked in Vienna, Munich, Paris, Sarajevo, Berlin, and Ljubljana. Her best paintings were portraits of women, like *Coffeemadam*, *Dutchwoman* and *Mira Pintar*.

Ivan Cankar (10,000 SIT) was a Slovenian writer, playwright and poet. He published his first poems when he was still a teenager. He wrote around 30 books. His plays, like *Serfs* and *Scandal in St. Florian Valley*, are still very popular in Slovenian theatres.

1 Read the article. Complete the sentences with was, wasn't, were or weren't.

There wasn't a 5 tolar banknote. There was a 5 tolar coin.

- 1 Primož Trubar and Ivan Cankar _____ composers. They _____ writers.
- 2 Janez Vajkard Valvasor _____ a natural historian. He _____ a mathematician.
- 3 Jurij Vega's first book _____ a history textbook. It _____ a mathematics textbook.
- 4 Rihard Jakopič and Ivana Kobilca _____ painters. They _____ poets.
- 5 Jacobus Gallus Carniolus _____ Italian. He _____ Slovenian.
- 6 Jože Plečnik _____ an architect. He _____ a playwright.

2 Find the past simple form of these verbs in the article. Which verbs are regular? Which ones are irregular?

~~start~~ ~~become~~ use get show have live write teach
study create compose design work publish

REGULAR VERBS	IRREGULAR VERBS
start – started	become – became

3 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

France Prešeren was (be) born in 1800. He ¹ _____ (be) the third of eight children. His mother ² _____ (teach) him to read and write. He ³ _____ (go) to school in Grosuplje, Ribnica and later in Ljubljana, where he ⁴ _____ (become) friends with Matija Čop and the poet Valentin Vodnik.

France's uncles ⁵ _____ (be) priests and his mother ⁶ _____ (want) him to become a priest, too. Instead, he ⁷ _____ (study) law in Vienna. He ⁸ _____ (write) a lot of poems while he ⁹ _____ (be) a student. In 1830, he ¹⁰ _____ (publish) the first Slovenian ballad, *The Water Man*.

In 1833, France ¹¹ _____ (meet) a girl called Julija Primic and ¹² _____ (fall) in love. He ¹³ _____ (begin) to write sonnets for her, but she ¹⁴ _____ (not be) interested. So, he ¹⁵ _____ (start) a relationship with Ana Jelovšek in 1836. They ¹⁶ _____ (have) three children. In 1846, France ¹⁷ _____ (open) his own law firm and ¹⁸ _____ (move) to Kranj with his family. He ¹⁹ _____ (die) there on 8th February 1849.

In 1905, the sculptor Ivan Zajec ²⁰ _____ (make) a statue of France Prešeren. It's in the centre of Ljubljana, in Prešeren Square. On the wall of the building opposite, there's a small statue of Julija Primic – the poet's muse.

4 Work in pairs. How much do you know about the Slovenian euro coins?

Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 When did Slovenia join the European Union?
- 2 When did the euro become the official currency in Slovenia?
- 3 Who designed the Slovenian euro coins?
- 4 Who painted the picture on the 5€ coin?
- 5 Who wrote the poem on the €2 coin?



Answer key

1 Slovenia on a plate

Exercise 1

- | | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 walnut(s) | 7 bread |
| 2 potatoes | 8 (prosciutto) ham |
| 3 cabbage | 9 cheese |
| 4 linden | 10 sausage |
| 5 trout | 11 olives |
| 6 elderberry | |

Exercise 2

	HELEN	JANEZ	PETER
starter	mushroom soup	mushroom soup	beef soup
main dish	black pudding with cabbage and matevž	Goriška goulash with polenta	trout with baked potatoes and vegetables
drink	Cockta	elderberry tea	Cockta
dessert	Bled cream cake	–	Bled cream cake

Exercise 3

- 1 b 2 a 3 b 4 a 5 b 6 c 7 b 8 a 9 c

Exercise 4

Students' own answers.

2 The most interesting animals in Slovenia

Exercise 1

- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| 1 horse | 5 goat |
| 2 honeybee | 6 golden eagle |
| 3 olm | 7 white stork |
| 4 trout | 8 brown bear |

Exercise 2

	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Short adjectives	<i>-er</i>	<i>the ... -est</i>
old	older	the oldest
big	bigger	the biggest
large	larger	the largest
small	smaller	the smallest
heavy	heavier	the heaviest
Longer adjectives	<i>more</i>	<i>the most</i>
interesting	more interesting	the most interesting
popular	more popular	the most popular
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
aggressive	more aggressive	the most aggressive
hard-working	more hard-working	the most hard-working

Exercise 3

Possible answers

- The Lipizzaner is bigger, heavier and more beautiful than the Alpine ibex.
- The golden eagle is larger, faster and more aggressive than the white stork.
- The olm is smaller, thinner and more interesting than the Soča trout.
- The Carniolan honeybee is gentler and more hard-working than the wasp. The wasp is more dangerous than the Carniolan honeybee.

Exercise 4

- 1 c 2 b 3 a 4 c 5 b 6 a 7 b 8 c 9 a

Exercise 5

Students' own answers.

3 The best in Slovenia

Exercise 1

2 c 3 d 4 f 5 a 6 e

Exercise 2

climbing, sightseeing, hiking, sunbathing, ski jumping

Exercise 3

- 1 true
- 2 false (Lake Velenje is smaller than Lake Bohinj./ Lake Bohinj is bigger than Lake Velenje./ Lake Velenje is deeper than Lake Bohinj.)
- 3 false (Simon thinks the Pletna boat trip is exciting.)
- 4 false (He likes sauté potatoes.)
- 5 false (The sauté potato festival is once a year.)
- 6 true
- 7 false (Simon thinks that Slovenian people are very sporty.)

Exercise 4

1 -ed 2 -ing

Exercise 5

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1 amazing | 4 exciting |
| 2 disappointed | 5 boring |
| 3 shocking | 6 surprised |

Exercise 6

Students' own answers.

4 Famous Slovenians from the past

Exercise 1

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 weren't, were | 4 were, weren't |
| 2 was, wasn't | 5 wasn't, was |
| 3 wasn't, was | 6 was, wasn't |

Exercise 2

REGULAR VERBS	IRREGULAR VERBS
start – started	become – became
use – used	get – got
show – showed	have – had
live – lived	write – wrote
study – studied	teach – taught
create – created	
compose – composed	
design – designed	
work – worked	
publish – published	

Exercise 3

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 1 was | 11 met |
| 2 taught | 12 fell |
| 3 went | 13 began |
| 4 became | 14 wasn't |
| 5 were | 15 started |
| 6 wanted | 16 had |
| 7 studied | 17 opened |
| 8 wrote | 18 moved |
| 9 was | 19 died |
| 10 published | 20 made |

Exercise 4

- 1 Slovenia joined the European Union on 1st May 2004.
- 2 The euro became the official currency in Slovenia on 1st January 2007.
- 3 Miljenko Licul, Maja Licul and Janez Boljka designed the Slovenian euro coins.
- 4 Ivan Grohar painted the picture on the 5¢ coin.
- 5 France Prešeren wrote the poem on the €2 coin.

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