

Summary

What happened on 9/11 in the USA?



I- Fill in the blanks using the verbs in between brackets. Use the preterit.  (Verbs in red are irregular!)

When America woke up on September 11th, 2001, it WAS (TO BE) a beautiful day. There WAS (TO BE) a lot of sunshine. It WAS (TO BE) even too quiet! However, something WAS (TO BE) to change history forever!

First, at 8.49 a.m. a plane CRASHED (TO CRASH) into one of the towers of the World Trade Center, then, shortly afterwards, at 9.02 a.m. a second plane HIT (TO HIT) the second Tower of the World Trade Center. People COULD NOT (NOT CAN) believe their eyes! It WAS (TO BE) terrible but it WAS (TO BE) just the beginning of a long horrible day!

A few minutes later, before 10.00a.m., people EVACUATED (TO EVACUATE) the Pentagon, where a third plane had also crashed!

Back in Manhattan, between 9.58a.m. and 10.30, the two towers COLLAPSED (TO COLLAPSE).

Finally, a fourth plane ATTACKED (TO ATTACK) the USA; it FELL (TO FALL) in Somerset County, Pennsylvania in an attempt to hit the Capitol.

President Bush, later, DELIVERED (TO DELIVER) a speech in which he SAID ((TO SAY) 'Freedom itself WAS (TO BE) attacked this morning'. He EXPLAINED (TO EXPLAIN), those attacks WERE (TO BE) terrorist attacks.