

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 _____ (TO BE) a beautiful day. There _____ (TO BE) a lot of sunshine. It _____ (TO BE) even too quiet! However, something _____ (TO BE) to change history forever!

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

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

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

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

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