ACTIVITY 1 INSTRUCTION: Brainstorm about the past and the present. Share ideas with the class.

PAST VS PRESENT

1 Parents and children





In the past...
Many years ago...
Long time ago...
Children respected parents more than today.

Today...
Nowadays...
These days...
Children and teenagers are rebel, ignore and disobey parents.

Write your ideas here, share with the class:

2 Food





In the past...
Many years ago...
Long time ago...
Food was healthier and more natural and contained less chemical products.

Today...
Nowadays...
These days...
Food contains a lot of calories.

Write your ideas here, share with the class:

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3 Communication and technology





In the past...
Many years ago...
Long time ago...
Communication was slower and technology was analogue and underdeveloped.

Today...
Nowadays...
These days...
Communication takes place in real time and technology is internet and digital dependent.

Write your ideas here, share with the class:

4 Transportation





In the past...
Many years ago...
Long time ago...
Transportation was more rudimentary and less reliable.

Today...
Nowadays...
These days...
Modern transportation is more comfortable time saving.

Write your ideas here, share with the class:

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5 Clothing



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In the past...
Many years ago...
Long time ago...
Clothing was more conservative, elegant, discrete, classical and uncomfortable.

Today...
Nowadays...
These days...
Modern clothing is fresher, more colorful and easygoing.

Write your ideas here, share with the class:

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Telephones: Now and Then

ACTIVITY 2 INSTRUCTION: Read the paragraphs and choose the correct title.

Landline phones Pay phones Cell phones Phone booth



A landline needed to be connected by a wire to a network of other telephones. A wire is a metal thread. Because of the wire, a landline had to stay in one place. Lots of people had this kind of phone in their home. But they could not take it with them when they left.

Phone booth Cell phones Pay phones Landline phones



What if you had to make a call when you were away from home? You had to find a pay phone. Pay phones were landlines in public places. Many were on the street.

Phone booth Pay phones Landline phones Cell phones



The phones were inside glass or metal spaces. These spaces were called phone booths. You went into the booth and used coins to pay for a call.

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Phones have changed a lot. Now people usually carry cell phones. These phones do not need to be connected with wires. They fit in an adult's hand and can be used almost anywhere. Many cell phones are smartphones. A smartphone is a lot like a computer. People can use it to go on the Internet. They can use it to check their e-mail. All that can be done with something small enough to carry in a pocket!

Comprehension Questions

ACTIVITY 4 INSTRUCTION: Based on the text, choose the correct answer for each item. Share ideas with the class.

1 What is a landline telephone?

A. a telephone that needs to be connected by a wire to a network of other telephones
B. a telephone that can be carried around in your pocket and used anywhere
C. a telephone that can be found in a public place

2 The article describes an example of a landline. What is one example of a landline?

A. a cell phone
B. a pay phone
C. a smart phone

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3. Pay phones are probably not used as much today as they were in the past.

What piece of evidence supports this conclusion?

A. People could not take landlines with them when they left their homes.

B. Pay phones are landlines that can be found in public places.

C. Many people today carry cell phones, which can be used almost anywhere.

4. What might be a reason that cell phones were invented?

A. People wanted to be able to speak to one another when they were apart.

B. People wanted to be able to make calls from their homes or offices.

C. People wanted to be able to make calls away from home without finding a pay phone.

5. What is the main idea of this article?

A. Cell phones are much less useful than landlines and pay phones.

B. Telephones have been used for many years, and they have changed a lot over time.

C. Telephones are used to keep people apart as much as possible.

6 Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

Landline telephones were used for many years ___ people began using cell phones.

A. before

B. after

C. while

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ACTIVITY 5 INSTRUCTION: Write two comparisons related to the past and now in general. Share ideas with the class.



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