

Handout: Writing about past experiences
Unit 2: Technology and its Effects

1. Complete the following short stories using the past narrative tenses (simple past (ed), past continuous (was/were -ing) or past perfect (had + ed)).

The effects of technology on Teenagers

Last year, the University of Chile _____ (offer) a master's degree in social networking sites. This decision was based on previous studies they _____ already _____ (do) about the topic. While they _____ (work) on these studies, they _____ (discover) that teenagers _____ (feel) naked without their cellphones because they _____ (need) to have their gadget with them all the time. Also, they _____ (discover) that by the age of 12 many teenagers _____ already _____ (use) at least one cellphone in their lives.

My experience with iPads

Last week I _____ (go) to a shopping centre to buy a new iPad. At the beginning everything _____ (be) fine, but after a couple of hours, my problems _____ (begin). First of all, the touch keyword _____ (stop) working while I _____ (write) this handout for you, guys. Then the rechargeable battery _____ (die) although I _____ already _____ (charge) it 2 hours before! In the end I _____ (have) to ask for a refund.

Working with segundos medios

The other day, while I _____ (teach) unit 2, a student _____ (arrive) late to my class. This student said that he _____ (oversleep) in the morning and that because of that he _____ (come) late to my class. This was clearly something VERY strange ...

Good luck!
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