NAME: _____ SCHEDULE:_____

READING : TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE YEARS

1 **A** When do you think most people in the U.S. first had these things in their homes? Write *1930s*, *1960s*, or *1990s*.

washing machine _____ black-and-white TV _____ telephone _____ CD player _____
radio _____ vacuum cleaner _____ the Internet _____ freezer _____

B Read the text. When did Ethel, George, and Jessica have these things in their homes?

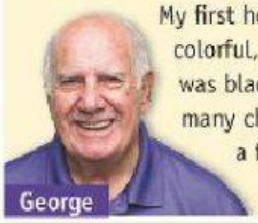
The 1930s



In the 1930s, life at home wasn't easy. There was a lot of housework to do, and we didn't have a lot of things to help us like we do now. There wasn't a vacuum cleaner, an electric iron, or a washing machine in our home. We didn't have a private telephone, but there was a phone that we shared with other families. We didn't make many telephone calls! We had a radio, but we didn't have a TV. In my free time (we were always busy, so there wasn't much free time!), I read a lot of books.



The 1960s



My first house was very different from my parents' house. The furniture was very colorful, and there was a lot of technology. We had a telephone and a TV. The TV was black and white, and there were a lot of different programs, but there weren't many channels. We had some modern appliances in our kitchen – a fridge, a freezer, an electric stove, a toaster, and a washing machine, and we always had a vacuum cleaner.



The 1990s



In the 1990s, a lot of my friends had TVs in their bedrooms. TVs and other electrical items weren't expensive, and I had a TV and a video player in my room. I had both a cassette player and a CD player to listen to music. In 1997, I bought my first cell phone. There was a computer in our house. I didn't use it much, but in 1998, we got the Internet at home. We were so excited! I can't imagine life without the Internet now. Can you?



2 **A** Complete the sentences from the text with the correct form of *be*.

1 My first house _____ very different from my parents' house.
2 In the 1930s, life at home _____ easy.
3 We _____ so excited!
4 TVs and other electrical items _____ expensive.
5 There _____ a lot of technology.
6 There _____ many channels.

WRITING:



Think about your house when you were a child. Write about the gadgets and inventions you had.

DO NOT FORGET: **USE THE PAST SIMPLE AND TIME EXPRESSIONS. (60 WORDS)**