

While You Read

A. Read the text and check the words in your list. Were any of your guesses correct?

When people began to make technological devices, they certainly didn't know how much these devices would develop in the future. For example, when Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, he probably couldn't imagine that people would use a mobile phone one day. An Italian engineer Guglielmo Marconi invented the radio in 1895. John Logie Baird, who was a Scottish engineer, made the first working television system in 1925. How would they feel if they could see today's radios or televisions?

As technology develops, the world develops. Here are some of the most important technological developments. Bell laboratories made the first video phone in 1969. Martin Cooper, who is an American engineer, designed the first handheld mobile phone in 1973. And in 2000, millions of people began to use mobile phones. In 2009, technology companies made the first smartphone, which performs many functions of a computer. Today smartphones are everywhere. They are used by people all over the world.



As for computer technology, the developments are unbelievable. In 1944, Tommy Flowers designed the first electronic digital computer which was programmable. In 1973, computer engineers made the first computer which had a keyboard and a mouse. And the first laptop was created in 1983. A British scientist Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web in 1989. 1991 is the year when WWW became available for everyone. The first wireless Internet network started in 2000. And the Internet has continued to develop rapidly since then. Now we live in the digital era, and computers are in all parts of our lives.

B. Read the text again and complete the sentences as in the example.

1876 is the year when Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.

1. 1895 is the year when
2. 1925 is the year when
3. 1944 is the year when
4. 1969 is the year when
5. 1973 is the year when
6. 1973 is also the year when
7. 1983 is the year when
8. 1989 is the year when
9. 1991 is the year when
10. 2000 is the year when
11. 2000 is also the year when
12. 2009 is the year when

C. Work in groups of 4 and write a title for the text.

D. Share your title with the class and listen to the other groups' titles. Then vote for the best title.

E. Read the following paragraph. Choose the correct answer.

The paragraph is about

- a. the positive effects of social media
- b. the negative effects of social media
- c. both

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media includes many different web-based platforms such as social networking sites, blogs, microblogs, chat rooms and podcasts. Social media offers lots of benefits to users. For example, it helps people to interact with one another online. People also learn about important events and express their opinions on them through social media so they become active citizens. They can organize activities and invite many people to them. They develop communication and discussion skills. They learn to make friends and keep friendships. On the other hand, social media has some adverse effects on users. Firstly, many people waste too much time on social media. Therefore, they ignore their responsibilities like their work. Social media is also risky because some companies may sell users' personal information. In addition, when users post information on the Internet, a person who is clever enough can easily access it. And if that person steals someone's identity, he/she can turn the victim's life into a nightmare. To sum up, it is easy to get into trouble over social media, but social media platforms are an excellent way to keep in touch with friends and relatives when you use them safely.

