READING

1. Read and listen. Choose the correct answer.

The story behind the World Wide Web

To find out when the World Wide Web began, we first need to look at the internet. The origins of the internet go back to the Space Race of the 1950s. After the Russians sent the satellite Sputnik into space, the Americans wanted to develop their own technology further, so they set up ARPA – the Advanced Research Projects Agency. This agency found a way of connecting computers, which they called ARPA NET. In 1974, they changed its name to 'the internetwork' or

In 1980, a scientist at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, wrote a computer program so that he and his colleagues could share their research. The scientist's name was Tim Berners-Lee, and his software was called ENQUIRE. At first, only scientists at CERN could use the program, which contained a new computer language called hypertext. Then, in 1991, he and a colleague wrote a more advanced version of the program which made hypertext available over the internet. This was the beginning of the World Wide Web, as we know it. The first website and web server was info.cern.ch. Today, there are more than 1.8 billion websites containing over 4.5 billion web pages.

Over four billion people now use the internet, which is more than half of the world's population.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. The internet began as _____.

- ARPA NET
- the internetwork
- ARPA

2. Tim Berner's Lee _____.

- developed the World Wide Web
- was the director of CERN.
- invented the internet.

3. Today around _____ of the world's population use the internet.

- 25%
- 50%
- 80%

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2. Number the events in the order they happened. Write 1-8.

___ Tim Berners-Lee developed a new computer language.

___ The Americans opened an agency to develop new technology.

___ They put the new language on the internet.

1 The Russians sent a satellite into space.

___ The World Wide Web made the internet available to all computer users.

___ The network changed its name to the internet.

___ The agency developed a network to connect computers.

___ Berners-Lee and a colleague used the new language to write a new program.

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