



Unit 3: Reading #1 Partial 2

Week: July 19th – July 23rd

Reading 5th

Reading 1: (student book)

The World in the Palm of Your Hand

1.- Read.

One of the first telephones was the “candlestick”. It had a mouthpiece attached to the top of a stand and a separate speaker that the user of the phone held next to their ear.

The rotary telephone came next. It had the mouthpiece and speaker combined in one handset. People dialed the number by spinning the rotary dial on the front of the phone.

Later, people used a new kind of phone that had buttons instead of a rotary dial. It was much easier and faster to dial number.

The next development was the portable, or mobile, phone. The first mobile phone was about the same size as a brick. It was almost as heavy as a brick as well! It weighed over 1 kilogram about 2 lbs.) The battery only lasted about 30 minutes and took ten hours to charge.

The next kind of mobile phone was called the “clamshell” because it opened and closed like a clam shell. Clamshell phones were very small and light. The batteries also lasted all day and charged quickly.

The smartphones came next. Instead of a tiny screen and tiny buttons, it had a large touchscreen, so you could control it with just your finger. Smartphones became very popular. Now just about everyone enjoys them!

2.- Complete the sentences.

- 1.- The candlestick had a mouthpiece attached of the _____ of a stand.
- 2.- The rotary phone was _____ to use with one hand than the candlestick.
- 3.- The first portable phone was about the same size as a _____.
- 4.- The batteries in clamshell phones lasted _____.

3.- Complete the timeline. Read the text again. What did each phone have? Match the features with the phones.

big buttons large touchscreen a spinning dial

a tall stand a tiny screen



