

Invention of Television

Listen to the conversation between a teenager and an elder who talks about the invention of television. For each year you see, write what happened.

1926

1938

1941

1954

1955

1966

2005

Listen again and circle or highlight all the correct statements according to the story.

- The first televisions were mechanical.
- The first TV transmission was the image of the dollar sign.
- WRGB TV station has been operating continuously since 1926.
- At the beginning, programs were commercial-free.
- Remote controls were invented before color TVs.
- By the time color TVs were sold, all programs were recorded in color, too.
- The first 3D flat screen appeared in 2005.

SCRIPT

Great-grandfather: How everything has changed in the last years.... I still remember the first time I saw a television.

Teenager: Really? Grandpa!! Didn't you have a TV when you were a child? What did you do then?

Great-grandfather: Well my darling, we used to have many friends in our neighborhood and played on the street all day long and even created our own toys.

Teenager: ooh that sounds nice, grandpa... and when was the first time you saw a tv? How was it? Do you know how it was invented?

Great-grandfather: I was totally astonished when I first saw a TV, I couldn't believe all those images moving.... Let me tell you some facts about the TV.

Believe it or not a 21-year-old inventor named Farnsworth invented the first electronic television and the first transmission was a line and then a dollar sign. Before that, the only televisions were mechanical. With appearance of tv, the first TV station appeared in United States and there is one called WRGB which has been operating continuously since 1926.

Televisions were first produced and released commercially in 1938. Programs were commercial-free until July, 1941 when the first commercial appeared. At the very beginning tv's didn't have remote control or color they were all black and white. Color Tv's were sold in 1954 and the first remote control appeared in 1955. Although color televisions were sold not all programs were recorded in color until 1966.

Teenager: That's incredible grandpa and now we have online television and flats screens. I read that the first time a flat screen was introduced was in 2005.

Great-grandfather: Yes, my darling... everything changes as time passes by... let's see if traditional tv survives in the future...