

English Diagnostic Exercises

**LISTENING-WATCHING COMPREHENSION**

**Watch the video clip. Are the sentences true or false?**

- a) About 10% of the world's population has a smartphone.
- b) The World Wide Web allows people to share information on the internet.
- c) Tim Berners-Lee is from Geneva in Switzerland.
- d) HTML is a computer language.

**Watch again. Number the things in the order that you see them.**

- A    \_\_\_    An old computer
- B    \_\_\_    The World Wide Web
- C    \_\_\_    A library
- D    \_\_\_    A mobile phone
- E    \_\_\_    A laboratory
- F    \_\_\_    A computer language
- G    \_\_\_    A scientist

**Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

- a) A smartphone wouldn't work well without the \_\_\_\_\_
- b) The internet is a \_\_\_\_\_ of computers that share \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Tim Berners-Lee comes from a family of \_\_\_\_\_
- d) He studied \_\_\_\_\_ at Oxford University.
- e) In \_\_\_\_\_, he started work at the CERN laboratory.
- f) He allowed everyone to use his computer language for \_\_\_\_\_
- g) He launched the first website in \_\_\_\_\_

## USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the article with the correct present or past passive form of the verbs in brackets.

One of the first music players, the phonograph, <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (invent) by Thomas Edison in 1877. This <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (follow) by the gramophone a few years later. The gramophone used flat records which <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (make) of glass at first, and then of plastic.



In 1906, the record player <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (introduce) by RCA Victor. In the 1940s, the composer and inventor Les Paul started to experiment with multitrack recorders. By the 1960s, most popular music <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (record) on these machines. Cassette players became popular in the 1970s. Cassettes <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (use) by many people to record their favourite songs from the radio or from records.

Today, smartphones <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (use) as music players and songs <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) online. The popular song *Happy* by Pharrell Williams <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (download) more than 1.6 million times in 2014.

**Report these phrases from the video clip.**

"A quarter of the world's population owns a smartphone."

The reporter explained that \_\_\_\_\_.

"Tim wanted to find a way for scientists to share information."

She also explained that \_\_\_\_\_.

"The Internet has transformed people's lives in many ways."

She affirms that \_\_\_\_\_.

"This new app will change the world of communication."

She says that \_\_\_\_\_.