

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,¹ _____ (invent) by Thomas Edison in 1877. This ² _____ (follow) by the gramophone a few years later.

The gramophone used flat records which ³ _____ (make) of glass at first, and then of plastic.



In 1906, the record player ⁴ _____ (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 ⁵ _____ (record) on these machines. Cassette players became popular in the 1970s. Cassettes ⁶ _____ (use) by many people to record their favourite songs from the radio or from records.

Today, smartphones ⁷ _____ (use) as music players and songs ⁸ _____ (buy) online.

The popular song *Happy* by Pharrell Williams ⁹ _____ (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 _____.