

## Simple Past vs. Present Perfect 2

Listen to the audio and write the correct form of the verb:

Since computers were first introduced to the public in the early 1980's, technology (change) \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal. The first computers (be) \_\_\_\_\_ simple machines designed for basic tasks. They (have, not) \_\_\_\_\_ much memory and they (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ very powerful. Early computers were often quite expensive and customers often (pay) \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of dollars for machines which actually (do) \_\_\_\_\_ very little. Most computers (be) \_\_\_\_\_ separate, individual machines used mostly as expensive typewriters or for playing games.

Times (change) \_\_\_\_\_. Computers (become) \_\_\_\_\_ powerful machines with very practical applications. Programmers (create) \_\_\_\_\_ a large selection of useful programs which do everything from teaching foreign languages to bookkeeping. We are still playing video games, but today's games (become) \_\_\_\_\_ faster, more exciting interactive adventures. Many computer users (get, also) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Internet and (begin) \_\_\_\_\_ communicating with other computer users around the world. We (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to create international communities online. In short, the simple, individual machines of the past (evolve) \_\_\_\_\_ into an international World Wide Web of knowledge.