

UNIT 2 REVIEW QUIZ

From old to new



Not everyone was enthusiastic about the new technology. While a lot of people thought it was useful and would improve people's lives, its critics were not so sure. "It will make things too easy," the critics said. "People will forget things because they won't need to use their memories." What were they talking about? The calculator? The computer? No, they were talking about writing.

Writing first appeared 8,000 years ago and storytellers soon realized that it was a danger to their profession. At that time, people went to public squares to listen to traveling storytellers tell their entertaining tales. A lot of the stories were incredibly long. To help them remember the spectacular plots and all the characters, the storytellers used special memory techniques while they were speaking. Writing, the storytellers believed, would end the need for their profession and their amazing memories.

It seems that people's ideas about new things don't change. Every time a new invention appears, there is always someone who says it will be dangerous.

1 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

1 The people who were against the new technology were sure it was useful. ☐

2 Some people said, because of writing, things won't be difficult enough. ☐

3 The storytellers' tales were often pretty boring. ☐

4 The plots of the stories were simple and easy to tell. ☐

5 The storytellers used notes to help them remember things while they were speaking. ☐

VOCABULARY Use an appropriate adjective to describe each



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MATCH 1-8 TO A-H

1 award	<u>D</u>	A last part
2 beginning		B writer
3 ending		C popular book
4 hit		D prize
5 novelist		E time and place
6 plot		F first part
7 setting		G story
8 bestseller		H success



GRAMMAR Simple past or past continuous

* Look at the verbs in bold. Which are simple past (SP) and which are past continuous (PC)?

- 1 I **was buying** (.....) a book when I **saw** (.....) a famous novelist.
- 2 It **started** (.....) to rain while I **was waiting** (.....) for the bus.
- 3 An actor **had** (.....) an accident while he **was working** (.....) on a movie in Hollywood.
- 4 What **was** your dog **doing** (.....) when you **found** (.....) him?
- 5 The phone **rang** (.....) while I **was watching** (.....) TV.
- 6 We **were studying** (.....) when we **heard** (.....) the news.

3 1.19 Listen to the review and complete the text.

At the beginning of the movie *Pandemic 1.0*, a teenage girl
1 after her younger brother in a dark room
when someone tried to get in.

The reporter says that the movie doesn't have an
2 plot. The 3 is a small
town where people have a virus. However, the story uses movies,
the Internet, cell phones, and other technology. The movie had to
be interesting 4 to make the audience want
to be part of the story. At a film festival, members of the audience
5 for hidden objects while others were
researching the virus online. The
6 sent text messages to
the audience.

