LESSON 5: HOMEWORK

1 **Fill in the gaps in this model answer with verbs from the box in the past simple.**

Thanks to modern technology, there have been enormous changes in the workplace over the past 100 years.

What are the most significant changes that have occurred and what changes do you foresee in the next 100 years?

allow	be	be	be	invent	increase	lay
mean	own	receive	replace	ride	take	walk

The pace of change in the world of technology is amazing. It **1** ....wasn't.... (not) long ago that the postal service **2** ..... our only way to communicate over any distance. It **3** ..... days and sometimes weeks to receive letters from within the same country. As a result, the news in the letters **4** ..... already out of date when people **5** ..... them. In the workplace, this **6** ..... that business was mostly conducted locally, over relatively short distances.

When Alexander Graham Bell **7** ..... the telephone in 1876 it **8** ..... the foundation for the communication systems we have today. The telephone **9** ..... two people to communicate instantly across a great distance. Eventually computers **10** ..... typewriters and dramatically **11** ..... the speed of our daily work life. Nowadays the Internet is an essential part of every business.

However, it is not just communications that have changed. Only 50 years ago most people **12** ..... (not) a car. People **13** ..... to work or **14** ..... bicycles. Changes in travel as well as the increased speed of communications have led to the global business world that we have today.

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2 Read the test task and a student's response. Tick (✓) the underlined verbs if they are right, and correct them if they are wrong.

Describe an unforgettable trip you once made.
You should say:
where you went
why you went there
what happened
and explain why you remember it so well.

I remember a trip I once 1 made to my grandmother's house. She 2 would live about 30 kilometres away from us and we 3 used to going there quite often with our mother. On this occasion we 4 set off to my grandmother's after school on a cold winter's day. When we were about to leave we 5 were noticing that some snow was beginning to fall, and as we 6 were driving along we 7 were realising that it 8 snowed more and more heavily. Suddenly we had to brake hard as the car in front stopped suddenly. We 9 were skidding and 10 went off the road into a ditch! It was pretty scary, but we were lucky and none of us were hurt. We got out of the car, and my mother 11 was phoning for help on her mobile phone. While we 12 were waiting for help it 13 was stopping snowing and we 14 sang lots of songs to keep ourselves cheerful. Eventually the truck 15 was coming and pulled our car out of the ditch. The car wasn't badly damaged, but we 16 decided to turn round and go home. We didn't manage to see our grandmother that day, but it was so frightening that I will never forget it.

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