

B. Do the quiz and test your knowledge. Then listen and check your answers.

Quiz: Then and now...



1 In the past not many people bought electric cars but now, because of environmental issues, they are becoming more and more popular. However, long journeys are difficult because you have to charge these cars regularly. Nowadays, U.S. car manufacturers produce over 30,000 electric cars every year. But when did the first electric cars appear on the roads?



a. In the 1890s b. In the 1920s c. In the 1950s



2 These days it is common for large sports organizations to buy and sell players for millions. Sports stars are some of the richest people in the world. In 2009, Real Madrid spent €93.9 million on Cristiano Ronaldo and in 2011-12 he made €33 million. But how much did Aston Villa pay for Willie Groves back in 1893?



a. £10 b. £100 c. £1000



3 Nowadays traveling by plane is easy, comfortable, safe and fast. A flight from London to New York City takes about 7 hours. At the beginning of the 20th century, in 1919, John Alcock and Arthur Brown made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic. But how long did this first transatlantic flight take?



a. 27 hours b. 20 hours c. 16 hours



4 Most people these days can't imagine their lives without a cell phone. The first cell phone was available in stores in 1983. It was huge, it weighed 2.2 pounds, you couldn't talk for long and it cost the incredible amount of \$3,995! Today, there are about 6 billion cell phone users globally. But how many cell phone users were there 20 years ago?



a. 15 million b. 75 million c. 154 million