

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, car manufacturers produce over 100,000 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 organisations 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 travelling by plane is easy, comfortable, safe and fast. A flight from London to New York 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 mobile phone. The first mobile phone was available in shops in 1983. It was huge, it weighed 1 kg, you couldn't talk for long and it cost the incredible amount of £2,100! Today, there are about 6 billion mobile phone users globally. But how many mobile phone users were there 20 years ago?



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

5. Read again and write T for True, F for False or NM for Not Mentioned.

1. Electric cars are perfect for long journeys.

2. Electric cars are cheaper to make than ordinary cars.

3. Real Madrid is the richest football team in the world.

4. Real Madrid paid €33 million to buy Cristiano Ronaldo.

5. Alcock and Brown flew across the Atlantic without stopping.

6. The first people to fly across the Atlantic were Americans.

7. Before 1983, you couldn't buy a mobile phone.

8. Mobile phones were very expensive when they were first available.