



1 Listen and check (✓).

1 a



b



2 a



b



3 a



b



2 Complete the sentences. Ask and answer.

1 Did people have electric lamps in the 1800s?

_____. They used oil lamps.

2 Did people have smartphones 50 years ago?

No, they didn't. But they used _____.

3 _____ before 1950?

No, they didn't. They used to listen to the radio for news and entertainment.

4 _____ when your grandparents were growing up?

No, they didn't. They used a coal stove to cook everything.



3 Listen and number.

a



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- 4** Complete the dialog. Use *did*, *didn't*, or *used to*. Use a capital letter when necessary.

Michael: _____ you have electric lights when you were little?
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Grandpa: Yes, we _____, but my grandfather _____
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have them.

Michael: How _____ he see at night?
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Grandpa: Well, before people had electricity, they _____ burn
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candles or use oil lamps.

Michael: _____ you have a computer when you were my age?
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Grandpa: Oh, no. Back then, we _____ use paper and pencils!
7.

- 5** Answer the questions. Write sentences.

by hand coal stoves horse and cart oil lamps phones with operators

- 1 Before cars, what did people use to travel to the next town?

- 2 Before electric lamps, what did people use to see at night?

- 3 Before washing machines, what did people use to wash their clothes?

- 4 Before microwaves and modern ovens, what did people use to cook dinner?

- 5 Before cell phones, what did people use to do to call each other?



1 Listen and check (✓).

1 a



b



2 a



b



2 Read and match the sentences. Draw lines.

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| 1 Today, we use cell phones. | Then, we washed clothes by hand. |
| 2 Now, we use washing machines. | People used to cook on coal stoves. |
| 3 Now, most people use a car. | Before, we used phones with operators. |
| 4 Today, many people use microwaves. | Long ago, people used a horse and buggy. |

3 Complete the dialog. Use *did*, *didn't*, or *used to*. Use a capital letter when necessary.

Sadie: We're reading about the 1800s in school. You know, people _____ have cars back then. Cars didn't exist!

Sammy: What _____ people do?

Sadie: Well, they _____ have a horse and buggy. The horse _____ pulled the buggy.

Sammy: _____ they have cell phones?

Sadie: No, they _____. Most people _____ have telephones at all until the 1900s.

Sammy: And no computers, right? Before computers, what _____ people _____ do?

Sadie: Go look it up—on your computer!



Look, listen, and number.



5 Look inside the house again. Then answer the questions.

1 Before email, what did people use to keep in touch?

2 Before TV, what did people do for entertainment at home?

3 Before electric lights, what did people use to see in the dark?

6 What invention is most important to you: computer, cell phone, or TV? Why? Write two or three sentences.

Score: /