# Computer Games: Then and Now

In the late 1950s, a scientist invented the first computer game. It was a simple table tennis game. Modern computer games are very different!

Computer games first became popular in the 1970s. Gamers, mostly young men, used to pay to play games that were short and slow, with silly stories. To play, people had to go to video arcades. Arcades were like shopping centres full of games machines. This changed in 1972 with the invention of the first 'home computer' game. Gamers could finally play at home! Soon people wanted small portable games, too, to play outside the home. The first successful handheld game came out in 1989. After that, people could play computer games almost everywhere.

Two inventions changed computer games forever in the 1990s: mobile phones and the Internet. Thanks to the Internet, multi-player computer games became very popular. Gamers could compete online against more than one person at the same time, anywhere in the world!

Then came the modern games consoles in the late 1990s. Suddenly, computer games, which used to be only for children, became popular with everyone, especially women and older people. Everyone could play a game on the console, even Grandma! And these days, many of the computer games are educational, helping us to learn about new things. So, what's next? Perhaps *you* have an idea for the computer games of the future?

✅ **Task 1: Multiple Choice**

1. What is the main idea of the text?
   A. How to make your own computer game

B. The history and development of computer games

C. Why old games are better than new ones

2. What happened in 1972?

   A. People started playing games online

   B. The first home computer game was invented

   C. The first mobile phone game was created

3. Why did people go to video arcades in the 1970s?

   A. To buy games for home

   B. To play short and slow games

   C. To meet their friends

4. What made games more popular in the 1990s?

   A. They were only for children

   B. Mobile phones and the Internet

   C. The return of video arcades

5. Who can play games on consoles today?

   A. Only young children

   B. Mostly teenagers

   C. People of all ages, even grandparents

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## ✅ Task 2: True or False

1. The first computer game was created in the 1950s.

2. In the 1970s, people played games at home.

3. The first handheld game came out in 1989.

4. Thanks to the Internet, people can now play with others online.

5. Today, only young people enjoy computer games.

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✅ **Task 3: Gap-Fill (**Điền vào chỗ trống với **từ đúng** lấy từ bài đọc):

1. In the 1970s, gamers had to go to _____ to play games.

2. In 1989, the first successful _____ game was released.

3. Thanks to the _____, players can now compete online.

4. Now, even _____ people can enjoy playing video games.

5. Some computer games are _____, helping us learn.

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✅ **Task 4: Ordering Events**

Sắp xếp các sự kiện sau theo **đúng thứ tự thời gian** trong bài đọc. Viết số thứ tự (1–5):

A. Handheld games became popular.

B. A scientist invented the first computer game.

C. Video arcades were popular.

D. Computer games became popular with all ages.

E. The Internet made multi-player games possible.