

SIMPLE PAST

1- Watch this video:

2- Read the text below and pay attention to the underlined verbs. Then answer the questions.

A brief history of video games

Video games actually originated in scientific research labs in the 1950s. At that time, computers had very different technology and weren't available to the general public. Scientists created the electronic games for training or research programs, or simply as demonstrations to impress the public during exhibitions. At the beginning, these games had very simple graphics and no sound. William A. Higinbotham was the creator of Tennis for Two (one of the first electronic games) in 1958. He made it specifically for visitors of the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Arcade games appeared in the 1970s. The first successful one, called Pong, came out in 1972. After that, many more popular arcade games appeared, for example, Space Invaders and Pac-Man. In 1977, a company called Atari introduced the first electronic game system for home use. This system had removable cartridges - each cartridge contained a different game. After the creation of this system, electronic games continued to boom.

a) Which verb tense is used?

b) Why is it used?
