

## Practice Exercises

**A** Choose the correct verb form. Write 1 or 2 to choose the correct option at the end of each sentence

- Nowadays cell phones **get** / **are getting** smaller and more powerful.
- The Internet **starts** / **is starting** to influence our social relationships.
- Wireless technology **provides** / **is providing** us many opportunities to study and learn.
- In the past, people **were communicating** / **communicated** by letter or phone.
- Twenty years ago, people **didn't take** / **didn't use to take** pictures all the time.
- Cell phones **enabled** / **have enabled** us to stay in constant contact with each other.
- Because of the Internet, people **have communicated** / **have been communicating** more than before.
- Before the Internet, no one **had** / **has** ever tried to create one-to-one marketing tools.
- By the year 2050, everyone in the world **will** / **is going to** have a cell phone.
- In 20 years' time, students **will stop** / **will have stopped** using libraries.

**B** Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- Many people **use** the Internet to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many children **are learning** how to \_\_\_\_\_ by using the Internet.
- The Internet **is bringing** people closer together because \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the past, people **used to** \_\_\_\_\_, but now they \_\_\_\_\_.
- People in remote countries didn't \_\_\_\_\_ but now they \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Internet **has changed** the way we \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the future, people **will use** the Internet to \_\_\_\_\_.
- By the time they are adults, children of today **will have forgotten** about \_\_\_\_\_.

**C** Each of these sentences contains errors in verb forms. Circle and correct the errors. More than one option may be possible.

- In 20 years' time electrical equipment isn't need cables.
- When I started work 25 years ago, nobody having a computer on his or her desk.
- I've noticed that people who commute by train to work often worked on the train.
- Classrooms now having interactive whiteboards, so teachers can access the Internet while they were teaching.
- The government is implemented a new policy for the use of technology in education.
- Due to the budget cuts, the university has had 10% less to spend on technology next year.
- At the beginning of the last century, most people hadn't had the opportunity to go to university.
- Many people are considering the Internet as the most significant invention of all time.

### DICTIONARY SKILLS

POWERED BY COBUILD

Use your dictionary to review the correct simple past and past participle forms of irregular verbs.