THE JAVA LANGUAGE

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The idea for Java started in 1990, when a team of software engineers at Sun Microsystems (1)_____ to create a language for a handheld device that could control and interact with various kinds of electronic appliances, ranging from Nintendo Game Boys to VCRS and TV set-top boxes. They (2) _____ an object-oriented programming language that one of the engineers, James Gosling, (3) _____ Oak, after the tree outside his window. The device even (4)_____ an animated character named Duke, who would go on to become Java's mascot.

With the advent of the Web in 1993, the company made a web browser (5) _____ on the Oak language. Later on, this language was adapted to the Internet and (6) _____ Java. The 1.0 version of Java was officially introduced by Sun in May 1995.

At that time, web pages (7) _____ only display text, pictures and hyperlinks. With the arrival of Java, web designers (8) _____ able to include animation and interactive programs on web pages. The first major application created with Java was the HotJava browser. The Java language (9) _____ to attract serious attention from the internet community and was soon (10) _____ by Netscape Navigator and MS Internet Explorer. Today, Java is a hot technology that runs on multiple platforms, including smart cards, embedded devices, mobile phones and computers.

Then, listen to an extract from the lecture and check your answers. Listen carefully to the pronunciation of the verbs that end in -ed.