

A GREAT INVENTION

At the beginning of the 20th century television didn't exist. In the evenings, people _____ (talk) and _____ (play) games. They _____ (look) at books. Some people played musical instruments. After 1920, some people _____ (listen) to the radio. Life was very different.



In 1926, a Scottish engineer named John Logie Baird _____ (show) the first working television in the United Kingdom. The images were in black and white, and they weren't very clear, but it was an important moment in the history of technology.

In the 1930's, there were two hours of television programmes every day in the UK. But most people didn't have a television at home. Television wasn't popular. People _____ (like) listening to the radio.

In 1953, lots of people _____ (want) to buy a television because they didn't want to miss the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Suddenly, television was really popular.



In 1967, for the first time, some television programmes were in colour. People _____ (watch) a lot more TV.

In 2000, almost all families in the UK had one television at home.

Today, in the 21st century, televisions are bigger and better than in the past. They have got flat screens and the image is very clear. There are many different channels and many different types of programmes to watch. We can also watch television programmes on our computers, tablets, and smartphones.

