

5 Complete the text using the correct past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

The man behind the World Wide Web Tim Berners-Lee _____ (be) born in London, England, on June 8th 1955. He _____ (study) physics at Oxford University, where he _____ (build) his first computer. He _____ (have) several jobs before he _____ (become) an independent consultant. During this time he _____ (spend) six months in Geneva, Switzerland, where he _____ (write) his first program for storing information. He _____ (call) the program 'Enquire', but he _____ (not publish) it. In 1990, he _____ (start) work on the World Wide Web, which _____ (make) its first appearance on the Internet in 1991.

In 1994, Tim _____ (create) the World Wide Web Consortium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Today, this consortium coordinates web development worldwide.

6 Complete the sentences using the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets

- 1 Let's go to the meeting room. It's _____ (quiet) than in my office.
- 2 Our company was _____ (profitable) last year than this year.
- 3 We have seven factories: the _____ (new) one is in Mexico.
- 4 My hotel was _____ (near) to the company than the last hotel I stayed in.
- 5 Our _____ (popular) product is the VS52.0.
- 6 I think our new brochure looks _____ (professional) than the last one.
- 7 Last year was the _____ (bad) in our company's history.
- 8 Germany is the _____ (big) country in the EU.
- 9 Our new Sales Manager is _____ (good) than the one we had before.

7 A manager is talking about his department. Complete the text with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets

This month (not / be) _____ a very good one for me. Three more members of my team (tell) _____ me that they are leaving the company. Two of them (not / find) _____ another job, but they say that the pressure of work (become) _____ too much for them. It's true that there (be) _____ a big increase in their work this year because two other customer service assistants (leave) _____ the department and we (not / recruit) _____ anybody to replace them. I (ask) _____ my boss several times if we can employ some new people for the team, but each time he (say) _____ that we need to reduce our salary costs. But I know we (lose) _____ some business because we (not / have) _____ enough people to deal with customer calls. The situation can't continue like this. I (not / made) _____ a final decision on this, but I'm thinking of leaving the company myself.