8 THROWBACK

The Evolution of Everyday Technology: A Comparative Look

In the past, people_____ memories using digital cameras, but now with smartphones, recording is easier and more convenient. Smartphones have the best cameras, making digital cameras less popular these days. While digital cameras _____ various wires to transfer photos to computers, smartphones allow users to upload pictures directly to the cloud online, eliminating the need for wires.

Old cellphones were mainly _____ to send and receive messages, but as technology _____, smartphones _____ up being the most versatile devices in the market, allowing people to not only send messages but also to have access to the internet. Old cellphones needed wires to charge and connect to other devices, whereas modern smartphones often use wireless charging and Bluetooth connections, making wires more obsolete.

People _____ to music on compact discs, but online music platforms are more attractive to the general audience. Compact discs were popular for their physical collection and sound quality, but they became less convenient than online platforms, which offer access to vast libraries of music instantly. While compact discs needed physical storage space and could be damaged, online music platforms store music in the cloud online, making it more reliable and accessible from anywhere.

Read the text and complete with the following verbs. Then, answer what do these verbs have in common?

ENDED, NEEDED, RECORDED, WANTED.

Go through the text again and answer the following questions:

- ***Did people use digital cameras to record memories in the past?***
- ***Do smartphones need various wires to transfer photos to computers?***
- ***Did people use to listen to music on compact discs for the instant access to them?***

Complete using the comparative and superlative structures with the following objects:

- ***DIGITAL CAMERAS _____ SMARTPHONE CAMERAS.***
- ***OLD CELLPHONES _____ SMARTPHONES.***
- ***COMPACT DISCS _____ ONLINE MUSIC PLATFORMS.***

YOUR TURN! **Choose an object from the study guide on page 41 to write a short paragraph comparing how it was then and how is it now.**

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