

SIMPLE PAST: A BRIEF HISTORY OF VIDEO GAMES

1- Match the dates with the facts. Some of the dates refer to more than one event.

- a 1958 ☐ Atari released a video game console with cartridges.
- b 1972 ☐ William A. Higinbotham created Tennis for Two.
- c 1977 ☐ The first succesful arcade game came out.

2- Use the simple past to complete the information about some popular gadgets in the 1980's

a come out
generate



The Polaroid® instant camera _____
a film image one minute after the picture was taken.
The first model _____ at the end
of 1948.

b become
grow
have



Boomboxes _____ in popularity
in the 1980s. They _____ a radio,
a cassette and/or CD player, two large loudspeakers
and a handle. They _____ a status
symbol – the more extravagant your audio equipment,
the more popular you were!

c be
develop
play
record



VCRs – or video cassette recorders – _____
devices that _____ back tapes and
_____ video from television. JVC,
Panasonic and Sony _____ them in
the 1970s, but sales only boomed in the 1980s.