

Past Simple / Present Perfect

Since computers were first introduced to the public in the early 1980's, technology (change)_____ a great deal. The first computers (be)_____ simple machines designed for basic tasks. They (have, not) _____ much memory and they (be, not) _____ very powerful. Early computers were often quite expensive and customers often (pay) _____ thousands of dollars for machines which actually (do) _____ very little. Most computers (be) _____ separate, individual machines used mostly as expensive typewriters or for playing games. Times (change)_____. Computers (become) _____ powerful machines with very practical applications. Programmers (create) _____ large selection of useful programs which do everything from teaching foreign languages to bookkeeping.

Past Simple / Past Continuous

Last night, while I was doing my homework, Angela (call) _____. She said she (call) _____ me on her cell phone from her biology classroom at UCLA. I asked her if she (wait) _____ for class, but she said that the professor was at the front of the hall lecturing while she (talk) _____ to me. I couldn't believe she (make) _____ a phone call during the lecture. I asked what was going on. While we were talking, I (hear) _____ her professor yell, "Miss, are you making a phone call?" Suddenly, the line went dead. I (hang) _____ up the phone and went to the kitchen to make dinner. As I (cut) _____ vegetables for a salad, the phone rang once again. It (be) _____ Angela, but this time she wasn't sitting in class.

