LIVING ENGLISH LESSONS
Technology

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I remember growing up and computers were starting to finally be affordable in the late 90s, early 2000s. I had been learning to use a computer in middle school and even began practicing coding with HTML. Other kids had a computer in their home by the time they were 12, but my family didn’t get a computer until I was 14 in the ninth grade. I was a little embarrassed, because I couldn’t type very fast and I got a “C” in the class. I liked playing the games like Paint and Oregon Trail. I remember that when we got on the internet, it was very slow. It took ten minutes to load, and it made a screeching noise! My mom didn’t like when we were on the internet, because you couldn’t talk on the phone. The computer itself was so big and heavy, like a big block.

Now, computers are very different. There are tablets, smart phones, and laptops. All of these are smaller, faster computers. They have very fast internet and can hold a lot of information. I got my first tablet in 2011 and an iPhone later in 2014. It was so incredible to have a map to anywhere right in my hand! I could search for anything on Google, watch movies on Netflix, and buy things on Amazon ... not to mention my phone was also a calculator, flashlight, and alarm clock! I even travelled to small villages in rural Egypt. They didn’t have washing machines or cars but they had smartphones. Technology has changed the whole world!

1. At what age did the narrator get a computer in their home?

2. Why didn’t the narrator’s mom like it when they were on the internet?

3. How are computers different now compared to the early 2000s?

4. Have you ever visited a place and been surprised to see technology there?
To form the **Present Perfect Tense**, we use HAS or HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE. **Present Perfect Tense** has two uses:

1. Things that started before now and aren’t finished. Example: “Grace has practiced piano for one hour today, but she needs to practice for two more.”
2. Things that finished before now but are being talked about presently. Example: “I have graduated from medical school so now I can apply for jobs!”

**Circle Has or Have and then choose the correct Past Participle to form the sentence.**

1. Leanne has / have already ____________ pictures of our wedding to Facebook.  
   - taken
2. Have / Has he ___________ turning the laptop off and on again to fix it?  
   - stolen
3. My mom has / have ___________ the national anthem at three basketball games.  
   - finished
4. Grandma Anne has / have ___________ a smartphone since 2016.  
   - answered
5. Ewww! Your dog has / have ____________ every window of your house.  
   - printed
6. Has / Have you ____________ your homework yet?  
   - tried
7. The Mayor of Houston has not / have not ____________ my email to him yet.  
   - posted
8. He has / have ____________ on the app seven times but it won’t open.  
   - designed
9. The hacker has / have ____________ all of my banking information.  
   - tapped
10. Once again, my brother has / have ____________ his Twitter password.  
    - sung
11. In the UK, doctors has / have 3D ____________ a new ear for a patient.  
    - forgotten
12. Hasn’t / Haven’t you ____________ the news? The CEO was fired!  
    - heard
13. Since 2016, I has / have ____________ an online class each semester.  
    - licked
14. My dad hasn’t / haven’t ____________ anything to the cloud. He doesn’t understand it.  
    - uploaded
15. Eduardo has / have ____________ a new app for our customers to use.  
    - owned

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**TECH SCAVENGER HUNT**

*Find the answers below using a laptop, tablet, or smartphone as needed.*

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<th>Name two apps you can use to message a friend</th>
<th>What do you find at 6200 Hermann Park Dr. Houston, TX 77030?</th>
<th>How can you take a screenshot on a phone, tablet, and laptop?</th>
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<th>How much is one U.S. dollar worth in Swedish currency?</th>
<th>Draw three emojis used on Facebook.</th>
<th>What do you call the # symbol?</th>
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| What can you use to connect your phone to wireless headphones? Draw it. | What does the Swahili word “kitabu” mean? | What does the little airplane symbol mean? |
HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

Do a community survey. Ask two people the question “What was life like before the internet?” Write their answers below.

Name of Person 1:  
Answer:  
Name of Person 2:  
Answer:

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