

Who did it?

1 Discuss the Internet.

- a When was the first time you used the Internet? What did you use it for?
- b How is the Internet helping us? What do you use it for mostly?
- c What did people do differently without the Internet?

2 Work with a partner and do the quiz.



THE INTERNET QUIZ

- 3 In which year was the first international computer connection made?
- a 1969
 - b 1973
 - c 1983
- 4 What is the 'universal language' of the Internet?
- a English
 - b JavaScript
 - c TCP/IP
- 5 What was the name of the first browser?
- a Netscape
 - b Mosaic
 - c Gopher
- 1 In which year did Leonard Kleinrock connect the first two computers?
- a 1969
 - b 1975
 - c 1983
- 2 What did the first version of the Internet connect?
- a Military installations
 - b Government buildings
 - c Universities

3 Listen to a radio documentary on the history of the Internet and check your answers.

- Bob Kahn and Vincent Cerf invent software for connecting computers on the Internet.
- Professor Kleinrock connects two computers.
- Ray Tomlinson sends the first email.
- ARPANET links four American universities.
- The first Internet browser becomes available.
- The Advanced Research Projects Agency starts work on ARPANET.
- A 'universal language' of the Internet is established.

4 Complete the article with the verbs in the box in the Past Simple. Some of them are irregular. Listen again and check your answers.

become / begin / call / connect (x2) / increase / invent / launch / make / reach / send

Birth of the Internet

How old is the Internet? Different experts suggest different dates. It depends on what they understand the Internet to be.

We know that in 1965, the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), under the US Department of Defence, (a) _____ work on a system to connect computers. They (b) _____ the project ARPANET.

On September 2nd, 1969, in a laboratory at the University of California, Professor Leonard Kleinrock (c) _____ the first two machines. For many people, that day the Internet was born. The next month they sent the first message to a computer at Stanford University.

By January 1970, ARPANET (d) _____ computers in four American universities, and by the following year there were 23 in the system, connecting different universities and research institutes. In 1973, Ray Tomlinson

(e) _____ the first email via ARPANET. In the same year the Net went international, connecting computers in England and Norway.

The next step was to connect different networks and to create an 'Internetwork'. In 1974, Bob Kahn and Vincent Cerf (f) _____ a software called TCP/IP that connected networks using different operating systems. On January 1st, 1983, this software (g) _____ the universal language of the Internet – many experts think that this event was the real birth of the Internet because it

(h) _____ it possible to link different networks in one web.

More and more networks joined the system and the number of connected computers (i) _____

dramatically: from 10,000 in 1984 to 100,000 in 1987. By the early 1990s, the network was accessible to anyone in the world with a computer. In 1992, the number of hosts (j) _____ 1,000,000.

In 1993, two programmers, Marc Andreessen and Eric Bina, (k) _____ the first version of Mosaic – the first graphics-based browser of the type we all use today – which made the Internet an easy means to browse websites, get information and spread news.



5 Ask and answer questions about the history of the Internet using the word prompts.

- a When / Professor Kleinrock / connect / the first two computers?
- b Where / they / send / the first message?
- c What / Ray Tomlinson / send / 1973?
- d What / Bob Kahn and Vincent Cerf / invent?
- e When / TCP/IP/become/ the universal language of the Internet?
- f How much / the Internet / grow / between 1984 and 1987?

6 The questions in Task 5 use the following structure:

Question word	did	Subject	Infinitive	
When	did	Professor Kleinrock	connect	two computers?

When you do not know the subject, you use the following structure:

	Who/What	Verb in past simple	
Who did send the first email?	Who	sent	the first email?
What did happen yesterday?	What	happened	yesterday?

This usually only happens with who and what.