

40 Put the verbs into the correct form: present perfect simple or past simple. Read the whole text before you begin.

Then and Now



Twenty years ago only a few people clerk who (1) _____ (know) your (1) *realised* (realise) how greatly name with an impersonal website. Teachers technology was about to transform our complain that students (2) _____ daily lives. This short period of time (learn) to copy and paste instead of thinking (2) _____ (see) enormous changes in for themselves. There are fears that how we live, study and work. governments (3) _____ (not/ do) Trips to the supermarket which once enough to safeguard personal data held on computers. Certainly, many people may now (3) _____ (take) half the weekend have be wondering whether modern technology be replaced with online ordering. Music (bring) us as many problems (1-4) _____ (solve). lovers who a decade ago (4) _____ (spend) hours wandering around shops, simply download the tracks they want to hear. Information which (5) _____ (require) hours of research in a library (6) _____ (become) available to anybody in a few clicks on the keyboard. The spread of laptops and WiFi (7) _____ (enable) students and business people to work almost anywhere at anytime and mobile phones (8) _____ (transform) the way people organise their lives.

Some of us may wonder, however, how much our lives (9) _____ (improve) in recent years. Online banking, for example, (10) _____ (replace) the friendly bank



41 Alex wants to go to an art college and is being interviewed by Tom Smith, one of the lecturers. Complete the questions which Tom asks him. Read the whole conversation before you begin.

TOM: Right, Alex, let's find out something about you. When (1) _____ did you leave school?
 ALEX: Five years ago, actually.
 TOM: And where (2) _____ since then?
 ALEX: Well, I've had several jobs.
 TOM: What (3) _____ first?
 ALEX: I worked in a cafe for about a year. I needed to save a lot of money.
 TOM: Why (4) _____ the money?
 ALEX: I wanted to travel a bit before I started studying.
 TOM: Where (5) _____ to go?
 ALEX: Well, the Middle East, Latin America, Australia ...
 TOM: Wow! And (6) _____ all those places?
 ALEX: No, not yet. I've been to Brazil and Peru so far. And I spent some months in Turkey.
 TOM: Where (7) _____ there?
 ALEX: With some friends near Izmir. It was great.
 TOM: You're very lucky. And now you want to come to college (8) _____ some work to show me?
 ALEX: Um, yes, I've got some paintings here.
 TOM: Where (9) _____ these?
 ALEX: Mostly in Turkey.
 TOM: (10) _____ anything in South America?
 ALEX: No, I didn't have time really. And I was travelling light, so I just did some pencil sketches. They're behind the paintings.
 TOM: Well, Alex, I'm very impressed. When (11) _____ interested in painting and drawing?
 ALEX: I think I always have been.
 TOM: I can believe that. This work is very good.
 ALEX: Thank you very much.

