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Part I. Answer the questions and then ask the same questions to a classmate.

1. Do you like computers?
2. How often do you use them?
3. Do you own one?
4. Have you used one lately? Why?
5. Do you know how computers started?

Part II. Look at these two pictures. Are they different? Answer the following three questions on your own.



6. What differences do you see?
7. Which computer do you think works better than the other? Why?
8. Which computer brand is the best to work these days? Why?
9. What do you look for when you are going to buy a computer?
10. Describe your personal computer, if you have one and what you use it for.

Part III. Read about “**The Introduction of Computers**” and complete the exercise with the correct form of the verb in parenthesis in Simple Past or Present Perfect.

Since computers were first introduced to the public in the early 1980's, technology **(9. change)** _____ a great deal. The first computers **(10. be)** _____ simple machines designed for basic tasks. They **(11. Not have)** _____ much memory and they **(12. Not be)** _____ very powerful. Early computers were often quite expensive and customers often **(13. pay)** _____ thousands of dollars for machines which actually **(14. do)** _____ very little. Most computers **(15. be)** _____ separate, individual machines used mostly as expensive typewriters or for playing games. Times **(16. change)** _____. Computers **(17. become)** _____ powerful machines with very practical applications. Programmers **(18. create)** _____ a large selection of useful programs which do everything from teaching foreign languages to bookkeeping. We are still playing video games, but today's games **(19. become)** _____ faster, more exciting interactive adventures. Many computer users **(20. get, also)** _____ on the Internet and **(21. begin)** _____ communicating with other computer users around the world. We **(22. start)** _____ to create international communities online. In short, the simple, individual machines of the past **(23. evolve)** _____ into an international World Wide Web of knowledge.

Part IV. Write a short paragraph describing the changes computers and technology have gone under in the last decade. Write between 80-100 words. After finishing writing, please present it to the class.