

## 25 Years of the Internet

The internet is amazing. It is only 25 years old but it has changed the world. So what is the internet? Who made it? How has it changed the world? Find the answers to these questions as you keep reading!

### What is the internet?

The internet holds information from all over the world. It is like a web which links lots of things together and each part is joined to all the other parts. Computers, TVs and mobile phones are all joined together by it too. We use the internet for many things, such as viewing websites, watching video clips and sending emails.

### Who made it?

Things like the modern internet were made 50 years ago, but they were smaller. Not many people used them. Then in 1990, a man called Tim Berners-Lee made the World Wide Web. In 1991, he shared it with everyone and now anybody can use the internet!

### Changing the World

Tim Berners-Lee only made the first website in 1990, but now half the people on earth use the World Wide Web! The internet is so useful because people are joined together by it. A person in China can speak to somebody in America on it. Someone in Britain can buy a car from Australia just by clicking on a website! People fall in love on the internet. You can put photos on the internet. You can share ideas on the internet. It has changed the world.

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2. Which information goes with which bit of history? Put the letters next to the right answer.
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  - B. Things like the modern internet were made.
  - C. Half the people in the world use the internet.

50 years ago	
1990	
Today	

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7. 'Things like the modern internet were made 50 years ago, but they were smaller.'
- a. What does the word 'modern' mean? **To do with present or recent times; contemporary; happening nowadays.**
- b. Rewrite the sentence using a word (or words) other than 'modern'.  
**Various answers possible; answers must make sense and include a synonym for 'modern'.**
8. Sometimes the writing in books which tell us facts is split up into different parts. Why has the writer split this writing into different parts? **Either to make it easier to read and find the right information; or to answer the questions asked in the introduction.**