

**B Complete this extract from a lecture handout about Java with the correct form of the verbs in the box.**

call   be   begin   can   decide   rename   have   support   develop   base

can - could

three = 3  
tree = albero

The idea for Java started in 1990, when a team of software engineers at Sun Microsystems (1) ..... to create a language for a handheld device that could control and interact with various kinds of electronic appliances, ranging from Nintendo Game Boys to VCRs and TV set-top boxes. They (2) ..... an object-oriented programming language that one of the engineers, James Gosling, (3) ..... *Oak*, after the tree outside his window. The device even (4) ..... an animated character named *Duke*, who would go on to become Java's mascot.

With the advent of the Web in 1993, the company made a web browser (5) ..... on the Oak language. Later on, this language was adapted to the Internet and (6) ..... *Java*. The 1.0 version of Java was officially introduced by Sun in May 1995.

At that time, web pages (7) ..... only display text, pictures and hyperlinks. With the arrival of Java, web designers (8) ..... able to include animation and interactive programs on web pages. The first major application created with Java was the HotJava browser. The Java language (9) ..... to attract serious attention from the internet community and was soon (10) ..... by Netscape Navigator and MS Internet Explorer. Today, Java is a hot technology that runs on multiple platforms, including smart cards, embedded devices, mobile phones and computers.