



## Progress and Stories

### Key vocabulary and phrases:

- Progress
- Development
- Functionality
- Primitive
- Old school
  
- Back then...
- When I was...
- It could only...
- It could even...

### Tip:

When you tell stories, remember to use the past tense, and connect emotions and interesting details to descriptions.

### Progress of a computer:

When I was really little, back in the early 90s, my dad had an old word processor, and it could only do one thing—process words. It had no games, and so I wasn't interested at all. Back then, most computers were similar. A few years later though, our family got a brand new computer with Windows 95, and that had way more functionality.

It had a color screen, games, MS Paint, and it could even play videos, but no internet. It totally blew my mind at first, and I was so excited to use it. I played some of those games for hours on end, and still feel nostalgic about Ski Free and MS Paint. When I was 10, we got a Dell, and that computer could connect to the internet, but it was really really slow. Webpages would take 20 seconds to load, and I'd have to use the phone

line to connect. You couldn't be on the phone and using the internet at the same time, so if I was chatting with my friends on AIM, sometimes why mom would shout upstairs, 'Hey, get off the internet! I need to call grandma!'

### **Assignment:**

Talk about the progress of phones in your lifetime. Give details on each phone you've owned, and make sure to describe the functionality, as well as some related memories.