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Guide This computer is called the Univac 1. It was built in 1950, and as you can see, it's huge. Now, do any of you know when the first computers were invented?

Man In the late 1800s?

Guide No, the first real working computers were built in the 1930s and 1940s, and they were even bigger than Univac 1. The government used most of them, and some universities bought computers too. They cost a lot of both time and money to build.

Woman They must have been difficult to program too!

Guide Yes, I'm sure they were. Now, let's go next door to see a short film called *The History of Computers*.

2 We've just got time to look at one more film: *Upload*, by Director Herman Wienbrenner. The film begins when the lights go out in every city on Earth, and many planes fall out of the sky. A computer virus must have done these things, but who could have created it, and why? Soon scientist Jane Straw – that's the Oscar winning actress Candice Trevelyan – discovers the truth. The virus could not have come from Earth. Something out there in space is using our computers to kill us. Now, that's the end of *Films Today*, but I leave you with this song by ...

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Assistant Can I help you?

Girl Yes, I bought this phone here a few days ago, and I'm really dissatisfied with it because it isn't very good.

Assistant OK. What's wrong with it?

Girl I can't use some of the apps, so I want a refund.

Assistant Hmm. Have you tried updating the apps?

Girl But it's a new phone. I only bought it on Saturday.

Assistant Yes, but it was in the sale last week because it's quite an old one. The apps on this phone might have been installed in the factory two years ago. You need to update some of the software on them. I'll do that for you now.

Girl OK. Thanks.

4 Introducing the new Smart 1022. The Smart 1022 comes with a full-size keyboard, so you can use it on your desk, like a normal computer. But you can also leave the keyboard behind and use it as a tablet. Connect to the internet when you want, where you want with our SIM card. Use it to phone your friends! It really is the best computer in the shops at the moment. Buy a Smart 1022, and you won't need any other computers. So call our hotline ...

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Grandfather When I started using computers, many years ago, things were very different. They didn't have a mouse then. We had to type every instruction on the keyboard. There were no operating systems like Windows then either.

Girl It must have been difficult, Grandpa.

Grandfather Well, it might have been easier for us really. You see, few people knew how to use computers when I started. So it was easy to find work. Then I started to write programs. I had some good ideas too.

Girl Maybe you should have started a computer company, Grandpa. You might have become very rich.

Grandfather Yes, perhaps I could have done that. But I was happy in my university job.