

ENGLISH PRO TIPS. DO YOU WORK OR STUDY? TRANSCRIPT

Russell: This week I spoke to the kids about life before the Internet.

Russell: Do you know this is?

Child: I know what it is.

Russell: What is it, what could it be?

Child 1: Wait a minute, it's a phone?

Russell: That's right.

Russell: What did people do before the internet?

Child 2: Read books, play outside get to know everyone.

Child 3: Do like country dancing and that stuff.

Russell: Yes, a lot of country dancing, yeah, it is all that.

Child 4: Before the internet, you guys made paper boats and you just drop them down the river and you see which boat goes further.

Child 5: You were just gonna stare at a clock all day, throw a chair at somebody, burn down parliament.

Russell: Kind of boring and mad.

Child 6: Get cardboard boxes, shape them into a TV and then put themselves inside of the TV and say "today's news is" and...

Child 7: What if the TV didn't exist then and what they didn't know what a TV was.

Child 6: A cardboard box.

Child 2: And they didn't have like electronics, so they couldn't like be distracted by anything.

Russell: So you think people, people were more focused.

Child 2: Yeah.

Child 3: It was more focused back then, but the internet's fun.

Russell: Yeah.

Child 3: Would you rather have fun or be focused?

Russell: We used to do a game when I was a kid where we'd wash the car and we would sort of like, whichever suds that rolled off the car, me and my brother would pick which one would go in the drain first.

Child 4: To get paid.

Russell: Oh yeah, but listen to this. How unlucky is this? We had this business when I was 11, we were washing cars. We had five customers. Two of our customers died, so the rest of them stopped having us 'coz they saw us as a curse.

Child 8: What did you do?

Russell: Nothing.

Child 4: Did you kill them?

Russell: No, no, we were just washing their cars.

Child 8: Murderer.

Russell: No, no, no.

Child 4: Wait.

Child 8: Guilty!

Russell: No!

Russell: What do you think people did for entertainment before the Internet?

Child 9: Throwing tissues in the air and just letting them fly away.

Russell: So just throwing tissues in the air? Woo!

Child 10: It might be fun for kids, but it's not really right to do that.

Child 11: The thing... That was actually quite crazy.

Russell: Do you think?

Child 11 & 12: Yeah.

Child 11: But not, really that was the only thing to do in the late, in the late nineties.

Russell: It was.

VOCABULARY

boat (noun) - a vehicle (smaller than a ship) that travels on water, moved by oars, sails or a motor

burn (verb) - to produce flames and heat

cardboard (noun) - stiff material like very thick paper, often used for making boxes

chair (noun) - a piece of furniture for one person to sit on, with a back, a seat and four legs

clock (noun) - an instrument for measuring and showing time, in a room, on the wall of a building or on a computer screen

crazy (adjective) - not sensible; stupid

curse (noun) - a rude or offensive word or phrase that some people use when they are very angry

distracted (adjective) - unable to pay attention to somebody/something because you are worried or thinking about something else

drain (noun) - a pipe or channel that carries off water, sewage, etc

electronics (noun) - the branch of science and technology that studies electric currents in electronic equipment

exist (verb) - to be real; to be present in a place or situation

focused (adjective) - with your attention directed to what you want to do; with very clear aims

guilty (adjective) - feeling ashamed because you have done something that you know is wrong or have not done something that you should have done

mad (adjective) - very stupid; not at all sensible

murderer (noun) - a person who has killed somebody deliberately and illegally

parliament (noun) - the group of people who are elected to make and change the laws of a country

roll (verb) - to turn over and over and move in a particular direction; to make a round object do this

suds (noun) - a mass of very small bubbles that forms on top of water that has soap in it

throw (verb) - to send something from your hand through the air by moving your hand or arm quickly

tissue (noun) - a piece of soft paper, used especially as a handkerchief

whichever (pronoun) - used to say what feature or quality is important in deciding something