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Tech Help at the Center

a community center newsletter · typed, types, will type

new words · the story · ★ the missing word · ★★ then, now, next · ★★★ your technology, in the chat

New words

Four new words. Tap each one and listen. Your language is under every word.

1 typewriter

an old machine for writing letters

2 receipt number

the number on your USCIS letter

3 case

your application with USCIS

4 online

on the internet

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This is the community center newsletter. Read about Walter. Tap a part to hear it again.

Fifty years ago, people typed letters on a typewriter. They mailed the letters and waited for weeks. In 1980, Walter worked at a post office.

These days, Walter emails the family every week. He texts friends and prints photos here at the center. The tech help class is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Next month, Walter will check a green card case online. He will type the receipt number and click Check Status. Someday, phones will listen and answer. Walter will ask questions, and the phone will answer!

Citizen life: check any USCIS case online: a green card, a work permit, or citizenship.

★ Write the missing word

Write the missing word. Then type it in the chat.

1 Fifty years ago, people _____ letters on a typewriter.

2 These days, Walter _____ the family every week.

3 The tech help class is on _____ at 10 a.m.

4 He will _____ the receipt number.

★★ Then, now, next

Read again. Then, now or next? Find the answer in the story.

1 Did Walter work at a post office?

2 What does Walter do every week?

3 When is the tech help class?

4 What will Walter check next month?

5 Will Walter type the receipt number?

★★★ Your technology

Now YOU: your technology in three times.

Ten years ago, I _____. These days, I _____. Someday, I will _____.

Like this:

Ten years ago, I called my family on a phone card. These days, I text them. Someday, I will talk to them on video every day. 📞

Ten years ago, I mailed letters. These days, I email the office. Someday, I will check my case on my phone. 📱

Your technology, then, now and next. Three sentences in the chat.

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