



Activity: Feel Old Yet?



Feel Old Yet?

When I finished high school in 1985, in my world there were (or was) no:

- Video rental stores
- Computer software stores
- Imax theatres
- Spicy chicken wings
- E-mail
- World wide web
- Wal-marts
- Bank machines
- Debit cards
- GPS (Global positioning system)
- Inline roller skates
- Home shopping channels
- Computer viruses
- Space shuttle explosions
- Filesharing programs
- Hybrid vehicles
- Compact discs
- Gameboys and Playstations
- Bubble tea
- Atomic terrorists
- World trade organizations
- Computer mice
- DVDs
- Tweets
- Mp3 players
- Internet pornography
- Smartphones
- Digital cameras

1. Most of these inventions are good things—maybe. Which are bad?
2. This list mostly concerns North American changes. What inventions have changed life in your home country in your lifetime?
3. Do these inventions make life better or worse for students?
4. What inventions would you like to see? What inventions do you think will occur in the next twenty years?