1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to a tour guide talk to some visitors at a museum of science and technology. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

What was the first computer you used?

Where did you first use a computer—at home or at school?

How old were you?

2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read questions 1 and 2. Listen to the talk. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

1. After the BBC showed the program “The Mighty Micro,”
   a. someone built the first computer
   b. computers became very expensive
   c. people in Britain became interested in small computers

2. The BBC wanted to design a microcomputer that was
   a. expensive
   b. affordable
   c. big

3. Listening for More Detail

Read questions 3–12. Listen to the talk again and write T for true or F for false for each question.

3. Dr. Christopher Evans believed that computers were only useful for playing games.
4. A prediction is a guess about the future.
5. A microcomputer is a very big computer.
6. The British government decided to make a microcomputer.
7. Acorn was a big company before it won the BBC contract.
8. The BBC Model A computer was first sold in 1981.
9. The BBC Model B computer was not successful at first.
10. British children used the BBC Model B computers in school.
11. The BBC Model B computer could control a robot.
12. Most British children in the 1980s probably did not have a home computer.