1   On-Line Computer Games

Before the Internet, people usually played computer games at home, either alone or with a few friends. The Internet is now fast and cheap, and computer gaming is changing. With a computer connected to the Internet, people around the world can play their favorite games together.

There are many kinds of on-line computer games. Some are for playing sports, chess, and other traditional games. Others are "role playing" games. In these games, each player becomes a character in an on-line world. On-line computer gaming is a fast-growing business with a very exciting future. And it's a lot of fun!

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

1. Everything in today's cities _____ so quickly!
   A: becomes   B: changes   C: plays   D: is

2. The _____ is very big, but it's easy to fly to other countries.
   A: future   B: business   C: sport   D: world

3. I don't like to be _____. I prefer to be with friends.
   A: alone   B: fun   C: fast   D: together

4. Do you like _____ music or modern pop music?
   A: cheap   B: favorite   C: traditional   D: fast-growing

Choose the best answer.

1. ( ) To play on-line computer games, people need _____.
    A: a very expensive computer
    B: a fast-growing business
    C: a lot of friends at home
    D: a computer and an Internet connection

2. ( ) According to the reading, the Internet is _____.
    A: very expensive
    B: not fast enough for on-line computer games
    C: cheap, but slow
    D: changing the way people play computer games

3. ( ) What kind of computer game is **not** discussed?
    A: Role playing games.   B: Strategy games.
    C: Traditional games.   D: Sports games.

4. ( ) Which of the following is true?
    A: Every computer is connected to the Internet.
    B: The earliest computers could play games on-line.
    C: There is more than one kind of on-line computer game.
    D: In on-line chess games, people become characters.

Grammar

Write the correct past tense form in each blank.

1. We _____ games all last weekend.
    (played/play)

2. I _____ emails to a few friends yesterday.
    (send/sent)

3. Tina _____ her internet address yesterday.
    (changed/change)

4. Yesterday's game _____ so much fun!
    (were/was)