

Passive voice: mixed tenses

Exercise 5.

Complete the conversation with Steve Hobs, the manager at Grapple Phones. _____

Interviewer: Your new Smartphone Z now. (sell) Does it bring any new features?

Steve Hobs: Yes, it does. Smartphone Z last week (launch) with all the revolutionary features which (develop) for the previous Smartphone Y. And two new functionalities now to generation Z. (add)

Interviewer: Could you give us more details?

Steve Hobs: There is no home button in Smartphone Z. The home screen (access) by tapping on the screen.

Interviewer: And the second functionality?

Steve Hobs: Unlocking the device (done) with a new voice recognition system. It means that your phone can recognize your voice and it unlocks if you ask it to do so.

Interviewer: It is something like the facial recognition system in other phones.

Steve Hobs: Exactly. But the voice recognition system (design) for Smartphone Z because your voice, unlike your face, never changes.

Interviewer: Are you planning any other revolutionary features for the next generation of your smartphones?

Steve Hobs: Next year we want to release a phone which, apart from other functions, (use) as a microwave oven.

Interviewer: Pardon?

Answer key

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Steve Hobs: Yes, it does. Smartphone Z was launched last week with all the revolutionary features which had been developed for the previous Smartphone Y. And two new functionalities have been added now to generation Z.

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