When I Was a Kid the Only New Technology We Had Was...

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Most of the *New Technology* that we are accustom to using today was not available in years past, but the same word applied to many other things that we did have. The future will have even more things!

Computer Equipment

When I was a kid, the only Internet we had was when you caught a fish.

When I was a kid, the only *Online* we had was when we put our clothes outside to dry.

When I was a kid, the only *Laptop* we had was when we placed our plates of food on us for easy reach.

When I was a kid, the only *Printer* we had was a pencil, which came with an eraser for mistakes.

When I was a kid, the only *Mouse* we had was the one that lived in the wall.

When I was a kid, the only *Terminal* we had was the bus station.

When I was a kid, the only *Disc* we had was a Frisbee, which could hold a lot of air.

When I was a kid, the only *Thumb Drive* we had was when you steered your car using one finger.

When I was a kid, the only *Laser-pointer* we had was your mom's glaring squinty eyes and a finger.

When I was a kid, the only *Calculator* we had was the kid next door who was good at math.

When I was a kid, the only *Digital* we had was a lot of numbers on a blackboard.

When I was a kid, the only *Smart Speaker* we had was someone who spoke with a British accent.

When I was a kid, the only *Personal Computer* we had was a private viewing on a View-Master.

When I was a kid, the only *Apple* we had was the delicious ones in a neighbor's yard.

When I was a kid, the only Mac we had was the Irish kid in the neighborhood.

Computer Programs

When I was a kid, the only Software we had was when you wore your silky smooth shirt.

When I was a kid, the only *Microsoft* we had was the fancy cloth your mom used on her face.

When I was a kid, the only *Windows* we had was for looking out from each room.

When I was a kid, the only *Suites* we had was candy.

When I was a kid, the only *Word* we had was in a religious book.

When I was a kid, the only *Excel* we had was when we got an A. on our report card.

When I was a kid, the only *Adobe* we had was beige houses in the southwest.

When I was a kid, the only *Twitter* we had was birds squawking while perched on a telephone wire.

When I was a kid, the only *Facebook* we had was when you could not stop reading a novel.

When I was a kid, the only *Cloud* we had was when it rained and you had miles to go on your bicycle.

When I was a kid, the only Website we had was when we laughed at an upside down duck in a lake.

When I was a kid, the only *Thread* we had was the string you were told not to pull from your shirt.

When I was a kid, the only *Bluetooth* we had was when your uncle the wino with bad teeth visited.

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Telephones

When I was a kid, the only *Cell Phone* we had was when your cousin called from jail.

When I was a kid, the only *Charger* we had was a fast Chrysler.

When I was a kid, the only *Dial-up* we had was when you used your rotary phone and then it took longer to dial numbers with a zero than it did to walk there.

When I was a kid, the only Voice Mail we had was someone yelling 'Somebody's on the phone for you!'

Cars

When I was a kid, the only *Uber* we had was the big German kid down the street.

When I was a kid, the only *Cruse Control* we had was a stick wedged between the gas petal and seat.

When I was a kid, the only *Check Engine* we had was opening the hood.

When I was a kid, the only Sensor we had was your finger.

When I was a kid, the only GPS we had was a large AAA map and good eyesight.

When I was a kid, the only *Self-driving* we had was mom and dad.

Home Appliances

When I was a kid, the only Air Conditioning we had was an open window.

When I was a kid, the only *Heat Pump* we had was a warm radiator next to a noisy aquarium.

When I was a kid, the only *Humidifier* we had was a pan of water sitting on the radiator.

When I was a kid, the only Microwave we had was small surf at the beach.

When I was a kid, the only *Hi-Definition TV* we had was a magnifying glass in front of the screen.

When I was a kid, the only *TV Remote* we had was the youngest kid in the household.

When I was a kid, the only Cable TV we had was the funny clear pinkish wire to the rabbit ears antenna.

When I was a kid, the only DVR Recorder we had was a huge audio only reel-to-reel with magnetic tape.

When I was a kid, the only Set-top box we had was a square clock sitting on the console TV.

When I was a kid, the only Electric Stove we had was gas with an electric light in the oven.

When I was a kid, the only *Ice Maker* we had was trays of water in a refrigerator or outside on the steps.

When I was a kid, the only Big Freezer we had was the back porch in winter.

When I was a kid, the only Garbage Disposal we had was the hungry dog.

When I was a kid, the only *Dishwasher* we had was mom.

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Outdoor Equipment

When I was a kid, the only Lawn Trimmer we had was when the dog ate the grass.

When I was a kid, the only *Riding Mower* we had was when bugs got caught on the push lawnmower.

When I was a kid, the only *Leaf Blower* we had was a strong wind.

When I was a kid, the only Lawn Service we had was the kid next door.

Small Home Appliances

When I was a kid, the only Camera we had was film. When it was developed you forgot why you took it.

When I was a kid, the only *Portable Radio* we had was the plug-in that only had a big handle.

When I was a kid, the only *Digital Clock* we had was a self-winding wrist watch with large numbers.

When I was a kid, the only Sandwich Grill we had was frying a grilled cheese squished by a can of tuna.

When I was a kid, the only Robotic Vacuum we had was when your mom told you to clean your room.

<u>Health</u>

When I was a kid, the only *Electric Toothbrush* we had was when you dropped a hairdryer in the full sink.

When I was a kid, the only Ear Thermometer we had was when a kid stuck a wet finger in your ear.

Food

When I was a kid, the only *Mega Vitamins* we had was a big dinner.

When I was a kid, the only *Bottled Water* we had was the refrigerator water jar we were not to drink out of.

When I was a kid, the only Self-checkout we had was a shoplifter.

Investments

When I was a kid, the only *Hedge Fund* we had was when neighbors agreed to split the cost of bushes.

When I was a kid, the only *Mutual Fund* we had was when friends agreed to split the cost of a burger.

When I was a kid, the only *Interest* we had was when we paid attention that it was allowance day.

<u>Travel</u>

When I was a kid, the only *Airplane* we had was the small hobby plane that got stuck in a tree.

When I was a kid, the only *Rent-a-car* we had was when we test drove a new Chevy.

When I was a kid, the only *Overseas* we had was when we went rowing on a pond.

When I was a kid, the only *Automatic Door* we had was the Bellhop at the hotel entrance.

When I was a kid, the only *Reservations* we had was when a crazy relative wanted to visit.

When I was a kid, the only Small Talk we had was when we talked about a short guy.

But in the end, we got by just fine with the things that we had!