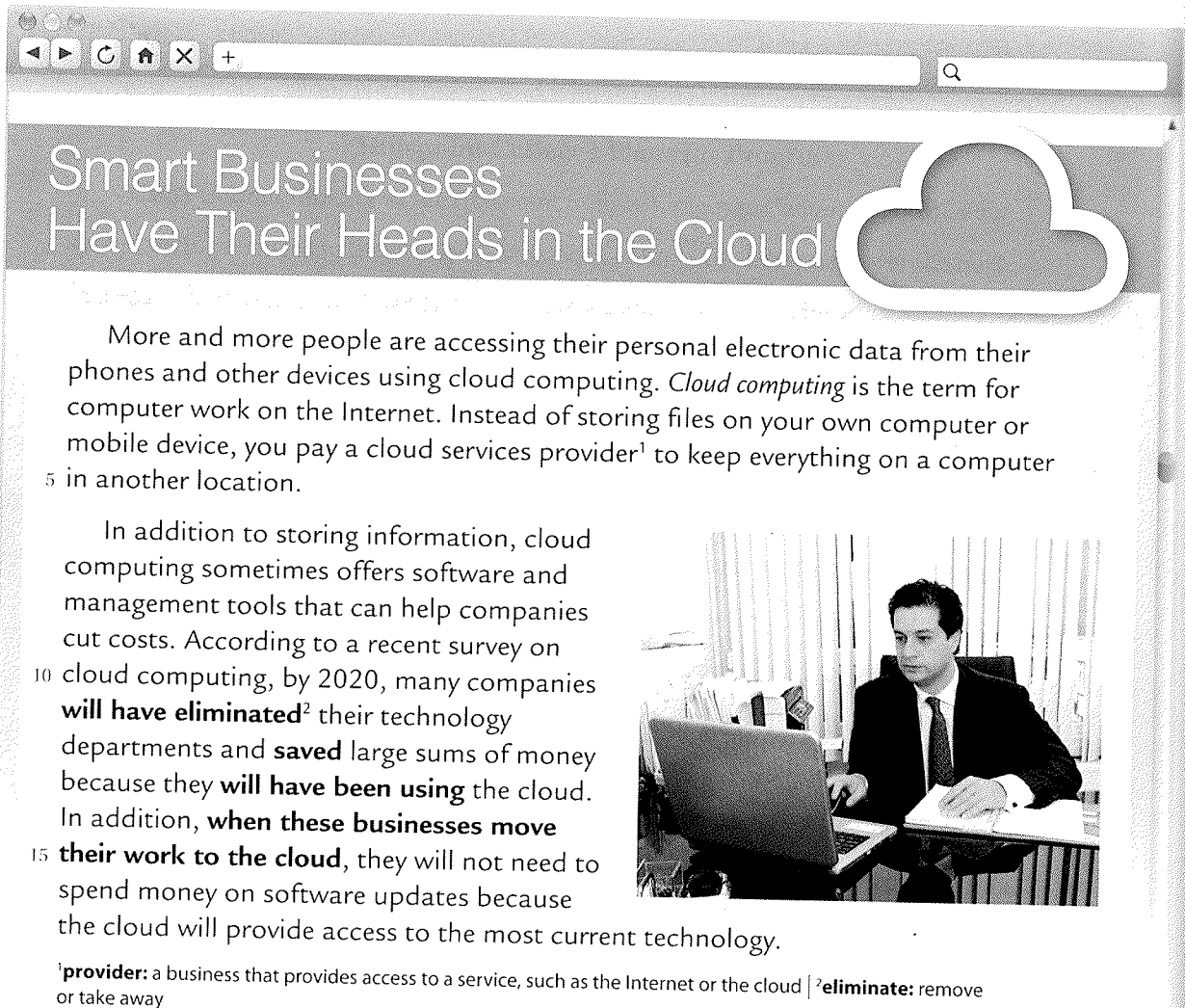


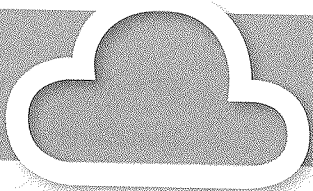
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Business Practices of the Future

1 Grammar in the Real World

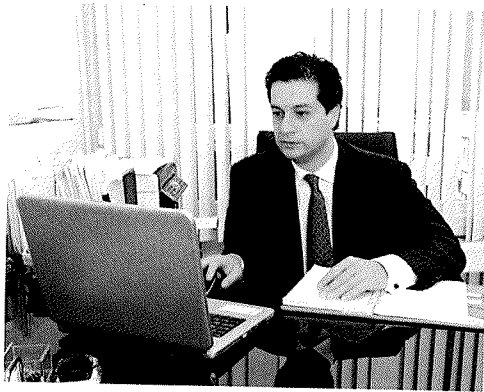
A What personal information do you have online? Read the web article about cloud computing. What are the pros and cons?



Smart Businesses
Have Their Heads in the Cloud 

More and more people are accessing their personal electronic data from their phones and other devices using cloud computing. *Cloud computing* is the term for computer work on the Internet. Instead of storing files on your own computer or mobile device, you pay a cloud services provider¹ to keep everything on a computer ⁵ in another location.

In addition to storing information, cloud computing sometimes offers software and management tools that can help companies cut costs. According to a recent survey on ¹⁰ cloud computing, by 2020, many companies **will have eliminated**² their technology departments and **saved** large sums of money because they **will have been using** the cloud. In addition, **when these businesses move** ¹⁵ **their work to the cloud**, they will not need to spend money on software updates because the cloud will provide access to the most current technology.



¹**provider:** a business that provides access to a service, such as the Internet or the cloud | ²**eliminate:** remove or take away

Cloud computing has risks, however. Some people say that cloud services are not secure. Also, experts say that there are a growing number of attacks by hackers³ on
 20 secure sites. Many companies will not use cloud services **until they are confident that their data will be secure.**

Nonetheless, companies will save a lot of money and will attract more customers by using the cloud. One study suggests that cloud computing **will have generated** more than \$45.5 billion by 2015. However, Internet services are not always reliable,
 25 and connection breakdowns are costly. Furthermore, the increasing number of hackers will pose a risk. Are these risks worth it?

³**hacker:** a person who breaks into computer networks and steals private information

B Comprehension Check Answer the questions.

1. What will happen to many technology departments in the future? Why?
2. What are some risks of cloud computing?

C Notice Complete these sentences from the article.

1. According to a recent survey on cloud computing, by 2020, many companies _____ their technology departments and saved large sums of money because they _____ the cloud.
2. Many companies _____ cloud services until they are confident that their data will be secure.

Look at the verbs that you wrote. There are three different forms for describing the future. Which form describes completed future events?