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- Paper _____ from wood.
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- Many American programmes _____ on British television.
- "Is this a very old film?" "Yes, it _____ in 1949."
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- The transistor _____ in 1948.
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