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Useful Vocabulary

(piece of) technology	stylus (pen)	spam
gadget	print(er)	hack(er)
device	flash drive / memory stick	social media
desktop	program	e-mail account
laptop / notebook computer	software	blog
tablet	app	go online
invent(ion)	operating system	surf the web
cutting-edge (technology)	browser	search for information
essential	hardware	access files / a website
geek	file	download files / music
techie	folder	send an attachment / e-mail
computer buff	virus	cut and paste
specs	crash	back up files
(touch)screen	wi-fi	addictive
keyboard	privacy	(be) addicted to
mouse	security	

Practice Questions

1. Do you like trying out new technology? Why or why not?
2. What is one piece of technology you couldn't live without?
3. What is one piece of technology that you consider absolutely essential for society and why?
4. What is one piece of technology you consider useless and why?
5. What is one new piece of technology that you'd really like to have?
6. What is one piece of technology you'd like to see invented in the near future and why?
7. What are three things that you think technology will never replace and why?
8. What do you think is the most important technology invented in the last hundred years and why?
9. Do you think that it's better to have fewer gadgets or more technology in your life? Why?
10. What are some of your favorite things to do online? Explain.
11. How much time a week do you spend online? Do you feel that you should be cutting back on the amount of time that you're online? Why or why not?
12. Do you shop online? Why or why not?



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13. Do you think that people use cell phones too much? Why or why not?
14. Do you think there are any places where cell phones should be banned? Explain.
15. Are you in favor of self-driving cars? Why or why not?
16. Do you think technology can be trusted? Why or why not?
17. Talk about a time when technology let you down.
18. Do you consider technology good or bad? Why?
19. What are two advantages of modern technology? Explain.
20. What are two disadvantages of modern technology? Explain.
21. How can technology be harmful? Give at least three examples.
22. What are three dangers of using the Internet? Explain.
23. What is one way that technology could be dangerous for individuals or for society as a whole? Explain.
24. Talk about three ways that technology has changed in your lifetime.
25. How do you think technology has changed our society? Explain.
26. Do you think that many people will lose their jobs as a result of technology? Why or why not? If so, how can society solve this problem?
27. In your opinion, does modern technology increase stress or reduce it? Explain.
28. What are two advantages and two disadvantages of social media? Explain.
29. Suggest ways that people can use the Internet safely.
30. In your opinion, do computers save us time or waste our time? Explain.
31. When you start using a new gadget or device, do you read the instructions first? Why or why not?
32. Do you prefer paper books or digital books? Why?
33. Do you prefer remote / online learning to face-to-face learning? Why or why not?
34. How do you feel about computer learning? Do you think that computers will ever replace live teachers?



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