

● What does 'new' technology mean?

Technology means things / machines that are made by people / invented to improve / make our lives better / easier. They are man-made machines / designed to help us. For example, new technology can mean new computers / new ways of doing things on the computer.

● What is a gadget?

It is something that is invented for a specific thing / to make something easier / quicker. For example, a TV remote control was invented to make it easier for people to turn on the television / a mobile phone was made so we could walk around and talk at the same time.

● What gadgets / electronics do you have around the house?

In my house we have / there is a toaster / microwave / TV remote control / electric tin opener (BrE) / can opener (AmE) / coffee machine / radio alarm clock / electric toothbrush / Android device / iPhone / mobile phone / smartphone / PlayStation / Xbox / Nintendo Gameboy / Kindle / e-reader / tablet / laptop / digital camera / mp3 player / iPod.

● What's your favourite gadget / electronic toy and why?

I love my mp3 player because all my music is in one place. I like my smartphone / I use it all the time for calls / emails / to connect to the Internet / take photos. I love playing games on my computer / tablet / laptop / PlayStation because it's fun / entertaining / I can play with friends. I don't need lots of gadgets / I only use my phone. Gadgets are invented so that people spend money on them / They are a waste of money.

● What parts of a computer do you know?

A monitor / screen is where we see information / pictures. A keyboard is where you type information. The hard drive is the place where software and files are stored / saved on the computer. The mouse is used to point and click on the screen. A cable connects the computer to the electricity. A DVD player plays / reads CDs or DVDs. You can connect other gadgets to your laptop / computer through a USB port.

● What is the difference between a desktop computer and a notebook / laptop?

A desktop PC is a large computer / sits on a desk. It has a tower / monitor / keyboard. A laptop / notebook is smaller / you can carry it around / it is a portable computer.

● What kinds of things can you do on a computer?

You can type / write documents / create files / do your homework / work / print your work / send emails / messages to people over the Internet. You can use the Internet to search for information / use Google / go on Facebook / social networking sites / speak to your friends online / communicate / keep in touch / share pictures / download files / watch videos / play games / go shopping.

● What can people do with a smartphone?

You can make phone calls / send messages / text people. Smartphones can connect to the Internet so you can surf / search the net. There is also a camera / video camera so many people take photos / record videos with their phones. You can also download many applications / apps and play games / read magazines / listen to podcasts / music / look at maps.

● What are some important inventions in history?

The wheel / the printing press / the fridge / the telephone / the engine / the light bulb / the microscope / the aeroplane (BrE) / airplane (AmE) / space travel / the computer / the Internet / mobile phones.

● What do you think was / is the most important invention and why?

I believe the telephone was the best invention because now we communicate across the world / we now have the Internet because of the telephone. The wheel was one of the first inventions and was the most important because people / humans could move / transport heavy things. The computer is the most important invention today because it changed the modern world in so many ways.

