

Technology – Discussion Questions

Do you get excited by new technology? What kinds of technology interest you?

Is technology developing faster than it used to? Are you worried about being left behind?

When you get a new product, do you read the instruction manual? Or do you just figure it out?

How much time do you spend online each week? Is it too much time, or a reasonable amount?

What are some of your favorite websites? What can you do on them?

Advances in medical technology mean people are living longer. What are some of the downsides of this? How old do you hope to live?

a woman holding a smartphone next to a notebook computer

How do you feel if you forget your mobile phone and leave it somewhere?

Which electronics brands do you trust most? Are you loyal to one brand?

Are you an early adopter? Do you like to have cutting edge technology? Are there any disadvantages to buying the latest product?

Some people dislike or fear technology. Do you know anyone like this?

Do you read e-books? What are their advantages and disadvantages when compared with paper books?

Is there an electronic product you want these days? What is it? How will it make your life better?

Do you play computer games? What do you say to people who believe they are a waste of time?

What crazy future technology are you looking forward to? For example, flying cars or personal robots.

Which social networking services (SNS) do you use? What do you like or dislike about them?

How do you feel about dating websites or apps? Would you use one?

Some people prefer to live with less technology in their lives. Can you understand the desire to live a simpler life?

Many science fiction movies present a dark vision of the future. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of humanity?

TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'technology'?
 - 2) Is technology a good or a bad thing?
 - 3) What new technology could you not live without?
 - 4) Do you like reading about technology?
 - 5) Do you like using technology to learn?
 - 6) What do you think very old people think of modern technology?
 - 7) How has technology changed society?
 - 8) Has technology made us more impatient?
 - 9) Max Frisch said: "Technology is the knack of arranging the world so that we don't have to experience it." Do you agree with him?
 - 10) Mark Kennedy said: "All of the biggest technological inventions created by man - the airplane, the automobile, the computer - say little about his intelligence, but speak volumes about his laziness." Do you agree?
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TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B

- 1) What do you think of today's technology?
- 2) What do you think of tomorrow's technology?
- 3) Do you think we've become obsessed with technology?
- 4) Do you always trust technology?
- 5) Does technology ever let you down?
- 6) What things would you never let technology replace?
- 7) Has technology made our lives better than our grandparents' lives?
- 8) What technology is dangerous?
- 9) Frank Lloyd Wright said: "If it [technology] keeps up, man will waste away all his limbs but the push-button finger." What does this mean? Do you like this quote?
- 10) Alan M. Eddison said: "Modern technology... Owe ecology... An apology." What does this mean? Do you agree?

Technology

<p>What's the most advanced piece of technology that you own?</p>	<p>Are you excited by new technology?</p>
<p>Do you think people rely too much on technology nowadays?</p>	<p>Do you find any modern gadgets frustrating to use?</p>
<p>What modern gadget could you not live without?</p>	<p>Would you like to own a robot that did most of the housework?</p>
<p>What do you think is the most important invention in your lifetime?</p>	<p>Do you own any technology that is now obsolete?</p>
<p>Are you an early adopter or do you like to wait until something has been tried and tested before buying it?</p>	<p>Are you concerned about any new or imminent technologies?</p>