

9 High-Tech World

Listening

A Circle the odd ones out.

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| 1 toy | laser | model |
| 2 gadget | device | battery |
| 3 fossil fuel | ecofriendly | recycled |
| 4 interactive | individual | participate |
| 5 try out | test | attach |
| 6 exhibition | prediction | presentation |

B Listen to these people talking and write T (True) or F (False).

- The man wants to become a professional engineer.
- The boy is going to try out a mountain bike before he gets one.
- The man can't understand how to make the gadget work.
- The girl doesn't like science and technology at school.
- The boy made a solar-powered model boat first.

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C Read the *Exam Close-up*. Then read the *Exam Task* and underline all the key words. What do you think you will hear for each question?

D Now complete the *Exam Task*.

E Listen again and check your answers carefully.

Exam Close-up

Listening again

- Remember, you will hear the recording twice so the first time you listen, note down any answers you are not sure about.
- The second time you listen, check the answers you are happy with and concentrate on the questions you haven't answered yet.
- Don't leave any blank answers. Guess if you have to.

Exam Task

You will hear part of an interview about a technology exhibition. For each question, circle the correct option **a**, **b** or **c**.

- When is the exhibition?
 - Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm
 - Saturday and Sunday, 10.30 am – 6 pm
 - Saturday only, 10 am – 6 pm
- Who is the exhibition for?
 - only engineers
 - only people who like science and technology
 - families and young people
- What is true about the models that Julia describes?
 - They are all solar-powered.
 - They are all powered by batteries.
 - They are made by professional engineers.
- What are the competitions for?
 - The craziest design.
 - The fastest battery-powered car.
 - The most unusual design.
- What does Julia say about new technology at the exhibition?
 - that it is not usually eco-friendly
 - that some devices are designed to protect the environment
 - that green technology is very expensive
- Julie says...
 - you can test gadgets and devices before you buy them.
 - entertainment and music gadgets are the most popular.
 - shops don't often sell eco-friendly gadgets.

Ping Pong Robot – At a research centre in Utah, scientists train robots to play table tennis using human-like movements

