



C1.2 EMPOWER C1 UNIT 7. CONNECTIONS



*Listen to three speakers discussing the inventions they propose.
Fill in the missing words.*

SPEAKER 1 Politicians, media pundits, writers and students get away with claims that are not based on fact. If I was ruler of the world for a day, I would install **1.** - apps into our smartphones, into our computers, so that when facts were broken, when people told lies, or told **2.** , our phones went 'Brrrrrrr!', or the lines on our computer screen popped up in red. That way, we'd know what was fact and what was **3.** . Of course, I wouldn't apply it to everyone. I wouldn't apply it to poets, to novelists and others who specialise in **4.** ideas. My aim would be to ensure that we benefit from the age of the Internet of things to have an Internet of facts and ideas, and through this we would hopefully get away from the infuriating **5.** that are being widely disseminated. Over time, good ideas would be spread far and wide, and bad ideas would be seen as a joke, rather than being the source of misinformation and perpetuating **6.** .

SPEAKER 2 The invention I would like to propose is a remote control that can modulate the amount of **7.** information you get – the amount of sound, or smell, visual information, etc. I came up with this idea because I cycle around London quite a lot, and every day I notice how much I am **8.** the sounds of traffic and the smells of the city and visual advertising and media. I think this is something that in general people deal with in a number of different ways. Often it **9.** putting more information or stimulus into your body, like wearing headphones or looking in your phone. A remote control would allow you to tone down what's there. I imagine it would work like a force field you can set at your **10.** level, because everyone is different, and everyone has different ideal levels, and it just filters everything that comes in and out.

SPEAKER 3 Well, my idea for changing the world is quite simple, and it can be justified **11.** of justice and fairness. It is simply that when someone is interviewed, for a job, for example, that they should have to **12.** their appearance. They would have to wear a mask. They would not be able to exploit their, let's say, personal or their social, visual capital. They would have to be judged according to their **13.** . It would create a level playing field. It would ensure that the best person was recruited to a company – irrespective of whether that person was good-looking or ugly, as conventionally determined. It would serve the interest both of **14.** in respect of that person's rights, and it would ensure a level playing field therefore for that reason. But it would also ensure the most meritocratic **15.** – the best person would be chosen for the job.

