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LOOKING BACK

Pronunciation

1 These words below are compound nouns or noun phrases. Put them in the correct columns according to their stress patterns. The first one in each column is an example.

food processor	correction pen
laptop	digital camera
earbuds	solar charger
washing machine	runway
smartphone	

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food processor	solar charger
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2 Listen and repeat these words.

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Vocabulary

Complete these sentences using the words given in the box. Make changes where necessary.

| invention | portable | |
| economical | expensive | benefit |

1. A digital camera is more _____ than a film camera: You don't have to buy rolls of films.

2. Our teacher gave us an assignment on modern _____ of the 21st century.

3. Modern inventions tend to be small and _____, so they can be taken along and used everywhere.

4. Even the best invention may have both _____ and drawbacks.

5. It's difficult to look for products of high quality which are not _____.

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Grammar

1 **Read the following short exchange. Fill in the gaps with the present perfect or the present simple forms of the verbs in brackets.**

Kim: Help me, Eric. My party (1. be) _____ next week and I (2. not plan) _____ the menu yet. I (3. waste) _____ three days worrying, and I still (4. not have) _____ any ideas. What should I do?

Eric: Don't panic. Your guests (5. not start) _____ arriving yet, so ask everyone to bring something. Then you can order some pizzas or buy spring rolls from a Vietnamese takeaway. Nobody (6. say) _____ no to pizzas or spring rolls, I'm sure.

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

5._____

6._____

2 **Answer these questions, using the gerund or infinitive forms of verbs to describe functions or purposes.**

1. What is a washing machine used for?
2. What can a solar charger be used for?
3. What do you use to listen to music and watch videos?
4. What is a correction pen used for?
5. What do you use a 3-D printer for?