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Exercise 3.

Ben: What's your favourite device Angela?

Angela: That's a good question. Maybe my laptop … but no, I think it's my smartphone.

Ben: Really? Why?

Angela: I suppose there are lots of reasons. It's very easy to carry around. I can keep it in my bag or my pocket.

Ben: Hmm. Yes, I agree.

Angela: And I can use it for lots of things. It's not just a phone. I can take photos, connect to the internet…

Ben: That's why it's called a smartphone!

Angela: Yes, of course! But what's your favourite device, Ben?

Ben: I like my smartphone as well, but I think my favourite device is my tablet.

Angela: I'm surprised because they're not as popular as they were. I read that for the first time sales of tablets fell last year.

Ben: Yes I know, and sales of smartphones went up. But for me, I still prefer tablets. They're just easier to use because they're bigger.

Angela: OK.

Ben: And I like to take it to class, to take notes.

Angela: Yes, it's good for that. But maybe there won't be any tablets in a couple of years' time.

Ben: I think there will be tablets for the next ten years or so but there will probably only be professional cameras – not everyday ones. In fact, that's already happening because, like you, most people use their phone to take photos.

Angela: And I'm sure that soon we won't be able to buy desktops.

Ben: I don't think you're right about that. It's true that there was a big fall in sales last year, but there'll still be a big market because companies will continue to use them.

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Angela: Yes, that's probably right. But what do you think about the future? What do you think will be the most popular devices in ten years' time?

Ben: That's a very difficult question. I don't know. Technology is changing all the time and very quickly.

Angela: Yes it is. I think there might be something that we don't know about yet, something which designers are inventing at the moment.

Ben: Yes, something which they're working on right now. You know, I think you're probably right.

Exercise 5.

Mona: Hello?

Ben: Hello, Mona. It's Ben.

Mona: Hi, Ben. Where are you?

Ben: I'm on the train.

Mona: On the train? Where are you going?

Ben: I'm travelling to the airport.

Mona: Really?

Ben: Yes, I'm flying to Spain. I'm having a week's holiday in the south near the sea in Málaga. The weather there is great at the moment. I read online that the sun's shining and it's very hot. It's around 30 degrees.

Mona: Wow! And here in Bristol it's raining and I'm wearing a scarf, a hat, a raincoat and my winter boots. And I can't even use my umbrella because the wind is so strong! You're lucky. Are you staying near the beach, by the way?

Ben: Yes, the hotel has its own beach.

Mona: OK then, so enjoy your flight and have a good holiday.

Ben: Thanks. See you later.

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Exercise 6.

Message 1

Please leave your message after the beep.

Hi, Isabelle. It's Rachel here. It's nine o'clock and I'm ringing you about your visit tomorrow. I'm sitting with some friends in a nice café in the shopping centre. I think you've been here once before. We're waiting for the swimming pool to open. We're drinking your favourite mango juice, by the way. My brother said he was coming as well, but he's not here yet. No, wait! I can see him now. He's running! You know he never likes to be late. Isabelle, I wanted to tell you that the weather today is fantastic. The sun's shining and we're all wearing summer clothes. So pack the right things to wear. Don't bring any gloves or boots! I'm going now. See you tomorrow. Bye.

Message 2

Please leave your message after the beep.

Hi, Danilo. It's Ton here. How are you? I hope you are feeling better now. I'm really looking forward to seeing you tomorrow. I'm working at home today. I'm finishing a Geography project for college. It's about village life in the UK. The weather today is terrible, by the way. It's cold and it's raining. Please remember to bring some warm clothes with you. Everybody here is wearing raincoats and carrying umbrellas. Don't bring your sunglasses and shorts! Remember, I don't live in the Philippines like you! See you soon then. Bye.

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