Reading

A | Read and listen.

Technology: Good or bad?



Technology is everywhere. It makes our lives easier in many ways. Smartphones let us stay in touch with online friends as easily as with local friends. However, technology can also be a problem. Some people are concerned that technology can make it harder to connect.

April

We made some changes to the technology rules in our home recently. When everyone comes home, they have to leave their phones by the front door. The kids aren't allowed to use them until after homework and dinner. My husband and I try to stick to that too. We have a sit-down dinner every night with no television. We talk about our day. This has helped our family feel more connected.



Kai

I had a problem with the internet. I spent more time online chatting with people, looking at websites, and reading stories than I did with my family and friends. I couldn't stay off of social networking sites at work. I finally went to see a doctor about it. Now, I limit my internet use to an hour a day. I get out of the house more often, and I don't go online at work for personal things. It's working really well for me. I barely miss the internet.

B | Read the sentences. Write *T* (True) or *F* (False).

1 ___ Technology is everywhere.
2 ___ Smartphones keep us from staying in touch with people.
3 ___ April's family can't use their phones until after dinner.
4 ___ April's family eats dinner in front of the television.
5 ___ Kai had a problem with the internet.
6 ___ Now Kai only uses the internet at work.



C | What do you do when you want to take a break from technology? Tell a partner.

Listening

A | Listen. Write the number of the conversation next to the correct picture.









B | Listen again. Who said it? Write the number of the person next to the sentence.

1 ____ I think he likes it a little too much.
2 ____ I have mixed opinions.
3 ____ But it's worth the money.
4 ____ I don't think it's very user-friendly.
5 ____ It's easier to use.
6 ____ Newer isn't always better.
7 ____ I'm going to have a talk with him about it.
8 ____ Of course, it isn't cheap.

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