

2.2 Built to last

Grammar the passive

Can do describe an object



Listening

- 1 **a** Look at the gadgets (A–D). They all have something in common. What do you think it might be?
- b** 1.12 Listen to a radio programme about the gadgets (A–D). Match a gadget to each speaker (1–4).
- 1 Julian
- 2 Anna
- 3 Chris
- 4 Joe
- c** What do all the gadgets have in common?
- 2 Listen again and make a list of the good and bad points of each gadget (A–D). Work in pairs and compare your lists.
- 3 Work in pairs. Decide which gadget you would most like/least like to have. Explain why.

Speaking

- 4 Complete the How to... box with the prepositions of, for, by and to.

How to... describe an object

Comparing it to something else	It's a kind ____ music player. It's similar ____ an mp3. It looks like an mp3 player.
Describing its function	It's used ____ playing music. It's used ____ joggers. It's a thing ____ playing music.
Describing its features	It's made ____ plastic. It's rectangular/square/circular etc.

- 5 **a** Think of a gadget you or someone you know owns. Think about how to describe it using the language in the How to... box in exercise 4.
- b** Work in pairs and tell your partner about the gadget.