

A blog post

1 Listen to the extracts from films and TV programmes. What type are they?

2 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions for each of the three photos.

- 1 What are the people doing in the photo?
- 2 What do you think they are making?

a cartoon a documentary a film
a music video a talent show
a travel programme a video game



► Subskill: Making and checking predictions

Before you read, note words connected to the topic of the text. Look for these words in the text to help you decide if your predictions were correct.

3 Note words connected with the activities in exercise 2. Read and listen to the text and check if your predictions were correct.

4 Read the text again. Who ... ?

- 1 started being creative at a young age
- 2 has the opportunity to meet people locally and share ideas
- 3 probably makes videos once a week
- 4 meets important people because of their work
- 5 works on their project every day
- 6 works with a group of people

5 Read the text again. Match 1–8 to a–h to make sentences about the text.

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| 1 Technology isn't always bad for teenagers because | a for people who want to make cartoons. |
| 2 Zachary uses his films | b to make films. |
| 3 Today you don't need a camera | c are better than Zoey's. |
| 4 Lisa and Lena are very popular | d to show problems in his area. |
| 5 David Eisman is | e on social media. |
| 6 You can get help online | f they can use it to be creative too. |
| 7 Lisa and Lena's videos | g a good organiser. |
| 8 Ross recommends a program | h or from your arts centre. |

6 **WORD WORK** Match the words in bold in the text with an expression which means the same. Then answer any additional questions.

- 1 people who regularly read someone's social media
- 2 a small machine for playing video games
- 3 send data from your computer to a larger computer system or to the Internet
- 4 nervous about speaking to people
- 5 a part of a town
- 6 two children who were born at the same time to the same mother

7 The words in bold are in the wrong sentence. Correct the sentences.

- 1 My brother and I are **followers** but we look very different.
- 2 I often feel very **upload** when I meet new people.
- 3 I've got a **neighbourhood** but I don't spend much time playing video games.
- 4 I've only got about 30 **twins** on Instagram.
- 5 Our **console** is changing fast: there are lots of new cafés and shops now.
- 6 Can you help me **shy** these photos?

CRITICAL THINKING

- 1 **Remember** Which different types of technology were in the reading text?
- 2 **Evaluate** Which of the people in the text do you think are making ... ?
a the best use of technology
b the most creative use of technology
- 3 **Create** How would you like to be creative with technology?





Screen time? Screen-tastic!



Some adults say that teens are always in front of a computer screen or playing games on a **console**. But what about the positive side to technology? In today's TechMaster post we meet four people who use modern tech to get super creative.

Zachary Maxwell is a teenager from New York. He describes himself as **shy** but he has meetings with politicians. Why do they meet him? Because of his videos. Zachary made his first documentary when he was eight. He often uses his films to raise awareness about problems in his school or **neighbourhood**. Zach uses a camera to make his films, but don't worry if you don't have one; with a phone, anyone can become a film-maker today.

The app Musical.ly (now called TikTok) helped 16-year-old **twins**, Lisa and Lena Mantler from Germany, to become social media superstars. The sisters spend 20 minutes a day making videos to post on the app and now have over 16 million **followers**.

When he was 16, David Eisman started Pixelman Productions. David doesn't write programs. He organises the team. They're working on their first game, *Mirka*. If you're into video games, why not make one yourself? At make-video-games.com there are lots of tutorials and programmes to help you make an awesome strategy game.

COMMENTS



Zoey: I normally **upload** a video on TikTok once a week. But I'm not as good as Lisa and Lena!

Reply



TechMaster: No problem Zoey – the important thing is having fun!



Ross: I use an app called Animaker to make cartoons.

Reply



TechMaster: Great Ross – thanks for sharing!



Candy K: My local arts centre has a film-making club three times a month.

Reply



TechMaster: Yes – arts centres can be good places to get help and ideas.