2a When technology goes wrong!

1 Vocabulary

Match the words with the items 1-11 in the picture. Then listen and check your answers.

speakers ◯ printer ◯ website ◯ USB flash drive ◯ wireless headphones ◯ tablet ◯
mouse ◯ screen ◯ keyboard ◯ webcam ◯ laptop ◯

2 Read

A. Look at the three posts from an online forum. Listen and read. What is each person? Match the people with a-d. There is one extra option which you will not need to use.

1. Oliver ◯
2. Fran ◯
3. Emma ◯

a. a teacher
b. a businessman/ businesswoman
c. a parent
d. a student

B. Read the forum posts again and the statements below. Write O for Oliver, F for Fran or E for Emma.

This person...

1. got in trouble. ◯
2. tried to show something to people he/she works with. ◯
3. hasn't got all the technology he/she needs. ◯
4. stayed calm when things went wrong. ◯
5. told someone about the problem. ◯
6. didn't need help to fix the problem. ◯

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TECH PROBLEMS!

Technology makes our lives easier, right? Well, not always! Can you tell us about a time technology made life difficult for you?

Oliver

Last Wednesday, I wanted to present a new project to my colleagues. I went to the front of the room, connected my USB flash drive to the computer, opened my presentation and was ready to start. Suddenly, the screen went black! I didn't know what to do, and my colleagues were unhappy! I pressed some keys on the keyboard, but nothing happened. In the end, I decided to call a technician to fix the problem.

Fran

I haven't got a printer at home, so, every morning, I go to my cousin's house to print out my homework, and then I go to school. But yesterday, there was a problem with my cousin's printer. I had an essay to hand in, and was a bit worried, but I didn't mention anything to my history teacher. This morning, the printer worked, so I gave her my essay. 'A day late!' she said to me. She wasn't at all happy!

Emma

Yeah, technology can create problems. Last week, I wanted the kids to watch a programme about healthy eating, but when I tried to play it, we couldn't hear anything. The kids started laughing and running around and I couldn't stop them. What did I do? I laughed too! In the end, I checked the speakers, found the problem and managed to fix the sound. That's when they sat at their desks again.

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