

**A**  Listen to the conversation between Abdul, Nick, and Jen. Then answer the questions.

1 Abdul talks about a TV show that explains a way  
 A to use garbage.  
 B to make your home a nicer place to live.  
 C to get rid of old cars and books.

2 What has Jen done once a year since 2015?  
 A She's thrown away useless things.  
 B She's sold T-shirts.  
 C She's organized people's houses.

3 What has Abdul kept in his garage?  
 A some T-shirts  
 B an old car  
 C a microwave

4 What has Nick never worn?  
 A fancy clothes  
 B some brand new jeans  
 C some plain T-shirts

\_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (2 points each)

**B** Match the first parts of the sentences (1–8) with the second parts of the sentences (A–H).

1 These books look brand new, so \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 This gray shirt is too plain \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 We have a very fancy \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Carlos has collected some pictures \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Jon helped me repair \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 These postcards are very common, \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 A microwave is a \_\_\_\_\_  
 8 Your phone is so outdated that \_\_\_\_\_

A to wear to the party.  
 B my old, damaged bicycle.  
 C that are very special to him.  
 D TV with lots of new features.  
 E so no one collects them.  
 F they can't have been used already.  
 G it doesn't have a home screen.  
 H useful thing to own.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (1 point each)

**C** Circle the correct words to complete the article.**DOES YOUR DEVICE WORK FOR YOU?**

The most important <sup>1</sup>feature / <sup>1</sup>folder for many people who buy a device these days is how much <sup>2</sup>home screen / <sup>2</sup>storage their device can give them. One thing to consider is what apps you want to use. Are you the type of person who has two apps on your <sup>3</sup>feature / <sup>3</sup>home screen and <sup>4</sup>deletes / <sup>4</sup>syncs them often, or do you have twenty and use them all the time? Do you want a <sup>5</sup>home screen / <sup>5</sup>device that stores music, photos, and video, or are you happy with just a couple of <sup>6</sup>folders / <sup>6</sup>models to keep your documents in? When you choose a phone or a computer, think about the time it takes to <sup>7</sup>try / <sup>7</sup>set up the device. Is it an easy five-minute job, or not? Remember, you need your device to work for you, not you to work for your device!

\_\_\_\_\_ / 7 (1 point each)

**D** Complete each conversation with the present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses ( ) or with *for*, *since*, *ever*, or *never*.

EXAMPLE: Have you ever owned a 63L phone?

Yes, I have owned (own) one for a year.

1 How long have your friends lived in Miami?

They have lived (live) there since last October, I think.

2 Have you used that hiking app for a long time?

Yes! I have used this app since 2011.

3 Has Joel been to Canada?

No, he has never been there. It will be his first time.

4 Have your kids started school already?

Yes, they have been in school for a year.

5 I get a headache almost every day. It's terrible.

I have seen (see) a doctor about it?

6 Have you ever downloaded music to your phone?

Yes, I have.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 6 (1 point each)

**E** Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses ( ).

**Clare** This is terrible. I wanted to save \$500 by April, and I haven't saved (not/save) 50 cents yet!

**Jack** Well, I wanted to save for a vacation and so far, I haven't put (put) \$250 in the bank.

**Clare** Wow! That's great. How did you do that?

**Jack** In January, I didn't buy any fancy clothes, magazines, candy, that type of thing. Oh, and my wife and I haven't started (start) a 30-day challenge in February. So far, we haven't saved (save) over \$100 that way. If we don't need something, we don't buy it!

**Clare** Really? So you haven't bought (not/buy) anything that isn't useful yet?

**Jack** No, neither of us has broken (break) the challenge yet! But I've been very careful. Even in the supermarket, I check to make sure that I'm buying stuff I really need or want.

**Clare** That's kind of cool. Maybe I should do the same. I haven't noticed (notice) a difference at home yet? I mean, is your place pretty neat now because there's less stuff in it?

**Jack** Yes, I have. I always had a lot of junk around, especially in my garage! Now I don't.

**Clare** Do you buy cheaper things at the grocery store?

**Jack** No, we mostly buy the same groceries, but we haven't shopped (not/shop) for clothes yet, and that's how we've saved money. You know, it has been (be) three weeks since I went into a clothing store. I hate clothes shopping anyway, so for me, it's great!

**Clare** Well, I've wasted (waste) two months of the year, but next week is the beginning of March. I think I'm going to try a 30-day challenge, too. I need that \$500, and I haven't thought (not/think) of any other ideas for saving yet, so it sounds like a good plan.

**Jack** Great! I haven't given (give) you some tips to get you started. Good luck with it!

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**F** Read the article. Then answer the questions.

### The Difference Technology Makes

Can you imagine life without your devices? Probably not! Everything has changed since we got smartphones, laptops, and wi-fi. Some people say it's a bad thing. They say we spend too much time looking at our devices. We don't talk to each other enough. But is it all bad? I don't think so!

My life is better because of technology. I have parents and grandparents who live in Ecuador, but I've lived in the US since 2005. That means we don't see each other very often – maybe only once a year. Then, one day, my parents bought their first modern laptop. Since that day, they've learned to use video calling. It feels outdated to call them on my phone these days. I just sit down at my computer, and there they are on my screen!

Social media is another thing I really like. Sometimes in the past, I've felt sad about my friends back home. I want to know how they are and what they're doing, but they're far away and I can't see them. Now, every time I look on social media, I see pictures and news that my friends have posted, and they don't seem so far away.

Apps are another thing I love about technology. I have a few instant messaging apps, and that means that my friends are always just one little message away, wherever they are and wherever I am. It can be in school, at home, at work, and even at the beach.

Some people say technology keeps us apart. I don't agree – I think it brings us together!

- 1 The writer thinks that for him modern technology is
  - A a bad thing.
  - B a good thing.
  - C a mix of both good and bad things.
- 2 What changed the way the writer communicated with his parents?
  - A His parents moved to Ecuador.
  - B The writer and his parents started to see each other more often.
  - C The writer's parents bought a laptop.
- 3 According to the writer, some people think technology is bad because
  - A they don't understand how to use technology.
  - B they don't want to pay for new devices.
  - C they say it stops people from talking to each other.
- 4 The writer likes using modern technology because
  - A it's easier to keep in touch with family and friends.
  - B he doesn't enjoy talking with people directly.
  - C he has good devices.
- 5 What does the writer say about apps?
  - A He hasn't tried many apps yet.
  - B Apps make it easy to send and receive instant messages.
  - C He only uses his apps at the beach.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 (2 points each)