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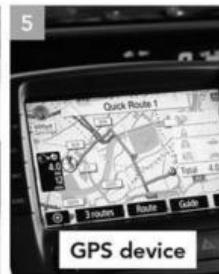
# What do you use this for?

1 What are these items used for? Write a sentence about each item using *used for* and the information in the box.

do boring jobs  
 write reports

store and send data  
 determine your exact location

take and delete photos easily



1. A computer is used for writing reports.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2 Check (✓) the technology and its use. Then write sentences using *be used to*.

1.  text messages    cell phone    photocopies

A cell phone is used to send text messages.

2.  flash drive    take photos    back up files

3.  weather    GPS device    places

4.  videos    messages    video camera

5.  the Internet    robots    information

**3** Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.  
Use the correct form of the word.



1. Robots are used to perform (find / perform / study) many dangerous jobs.
2. Computers are used to connect (connect / download / sing) music.
3. The Internet is used for watch (check / watch / write) streaming TV.
4. Home computers are used to pay (play / pay / have) bills.
5. External hard drives are used for back up (back up / email / buy) data.
6. Airport scanners are used to allow (hide / allow / find) dangerous items.

**4** Complete the sentences with **used to**, **is used to**, or **are used to**.

1. My sister used to visit me on weekends when I was in college.
2. People write letters, but now they usually send emails instead.
3. A cell phone make calls and send texts.
4. I have a desktop computer, but now I just use a laptop.
5. We download all of our movies. We buy DVDs, but we don't buy them anymore.
6. Wi-Fi networks access the Internet wirelessly.

## 5 Then and now

A Scan these ads from a sales catalog from 1917 and from a Web store a century later. What is different? **Choose the best answer.**

### 1917 CATALOG

**DETROIT ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE**  
So quiet because it does not need a gasoline engine. The large, high windows make you feel like you're sitting in your living room! Travels 80 miles without being recharged. \$2,700.



**VICTROLA PHONOGRAPH**  
The first thing you'll ask is, "Where's the speaker?" The Victrola has the speaker inside the cabinet! The beautiful wood of the cabinet makes the sound sweeter! \$250.00.



**AMERICAN EAGLE TELEPHONE**  
Allows you to talk easily to family and friends all over the country. Available with a wooden case and weighs less than 5 pounds. \$25.00.



### 2017 WEB STORE

**Aethera Electric Car**  
Has autopilot and automatic steering to allow you to drive safely. Travels 300 miles without recharging the battery. \$43,000.



**Big Sky Sound System**  
Allows streaming and plays compact discs so you can listen to all the music you love. Also included is a record player for your grandparents' records and the new ones you just bought! \$299.00.



**FutureNow Smartphone**  
Stay connected to everyone you know by telephone and on the Internet. This beautifully slender phone puts the whole world in your pocket. And it takes incredible photos! \$799.00.



B Read the ads. Then, choose the correct answer for each multiple-choice question below. Only one answer is correct.

1. What is one major difference between the Detroit Electric Automobile (1917) and the Aethera Electric Car (2017)?

- A. The 1917 car used gasoline while the 2017 car did not.
- B. The 2017 car has autopilot and travels farther on a charge.
- C. The 1917 car was faster than the 2017 car.

2. What makes the Big Sky Sound System different from the Victrola Phonograph?

- A. It only plays music from compact discs.
- B. It is larger and heavier than the Victrola.
- C. It can stream music and includes a record player.

3. What is a key improvement of the FutureNow Smartphone compared to the American Eagle Telephone?

- A. It cannot make phone calls.
- B. It lets you connect to the internet and take photos.
- C. It is heavier than the American Eagle Telephone.

## 6 Useful types of websites

A Match the types of websites with how people use them.

Types of websites	How people use websites
<input type="checkbox"/> d question and answer sites	a. find out what's happening in the world
<input type="checkbox"/> blogs	b. share information and photos with friends
<input type="checkbox"/> gaming sites	c. buy clothes, electronics, and other items
<input type="checkbox"/> media sharing sites	d. ask and answer questions online
<input type="checkbox"/> news sites	e. find information on the Internet
<input type="checkbox"/> search engines	f. play online games
<input type="checkbox"/> social media sites	g. post online diaries
<input type="checkbox"/> shopping sites	h. upload videos and music

B Do you use any of the types of websites in part A? What do you use them for? Write sentences.

1. I use question and answer sites to ask and answer questions online. OR  
I use question and answer sites for asking and answering questions online.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## 7 Put these instructions in order. Number them from 1 to 5.

### GETTING STARTED WITH SOCIAL NETWORKING

- \_\_\_\_ Next, check what the site has to offer you. Don't worry if you can't understand all its functions.
- \_\_\_\_ First of all, join a social networking site. Choose a site where you already know people.
- \_\_\_\_ After that, use the site's search features to find friends. Be sure to browse through groups who share your interests.
- \_\_\_\_ Finally, invite people to be your friend. Try not to be shy! A lot of people may be waiting to hear from you.
- \_\_\_\_ Then customize your profile page. For example, play with the colors to make the page reflect your personality. Now you're ready to start exploring!

**8**

Write a sentence about each picture using an expression in the box.

Be sure to ...  
 Don't forget to ...

Make sure to ...  
 Remember to ...

Try not to ...  
 Try to ...



1. Don't forget to turn off your computer.



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_

**9**

Write a or an in the correct places. (There are nine other places in this paragraph.)

My brother just bought <sup>a</sup> smartphone. It's really great. It has lot of high-tech features.

In fact, it's amazing handheld computer, not just cell phone. For example, it has Wi-Fi connectivity, so my brother can connect to the Internet in most places. He can send message to friend by email or through social networking site. He can also find out where he is because it has GPS app. That's perfect for my brother because he likes mountain climbing. He'll never get lost again! His smartphone also has excellent camera, so he can take photos of his climbing trips. And, of course, it's phone. So he can talk to his girlfriend anytime he wants!

**10**

**Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.**

1. I use my computer for paying bills. (online)

I pay my bills online.

2. It breaks very easily. (fragile)

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Take it out of the outlet. (unplug)

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Remember to keep it dry. (spill)

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Don't let the battery die. (recharge)

\_\_\_\_\_

**11**

**Look at the pictures and complete this conversation.**

**Choose the correct responses.**

**A:** What a day! First, my microwave didn't work.

**B:** What happened?

**A:** It burned my lunch.

- It didn't cook my lunch.
- It burned my lunch.

Then I tried to use my computer, but that didn't work either.

**B:** Why not?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I couldn't get a Wi-Fi signal.
- I couldn't turn it on.

After that, I tried to use the vacuum cleaner.

**B:** Let me guess. It didn't pick up the dirt.

**A:** Worse! \_\_\_\_\_

- It made a terrible noise.
- It spread dirt around the room.

**B:** Did you take the vacuum cleaner to get it fixed?

**A:** Well, I tried, \_\_\_\_\_

- but my car wouldn't start.
- but I forgot.

**B:** Oh, no! Do you need a ride to work tomorrow?

