# Technology

Exercise 1

Listen to the passage and write down what you hear for each blank. Each blank must have **ONE** word only.

What would we do without (1) _____? Would we still be living in caves? Probably. I think there are two main kinds of technology. The kinds before and after (2) _____. When we think about technology before PCs, it was quite (3) _____. It was all mechanical. Things like steam trains and fridges. At the time, that was cutting edge technology. However, (4) _____ technology is really cutting edge. It's the kind of technology that is out of date as soon as it hits the shelves. I love this. It's so (5) _____ seeing it all happen. I love reading about what technology we'll have in the (6) _____, and then buy it a few years later. It's like buying technology from (7) _____ movies. I'd love to live to be (8) _____ so I can see what technology is around then.

Exercise 2

Listen. What are the people talking about? Number the pictures from 1 to 6. (There are two extra pictures.)
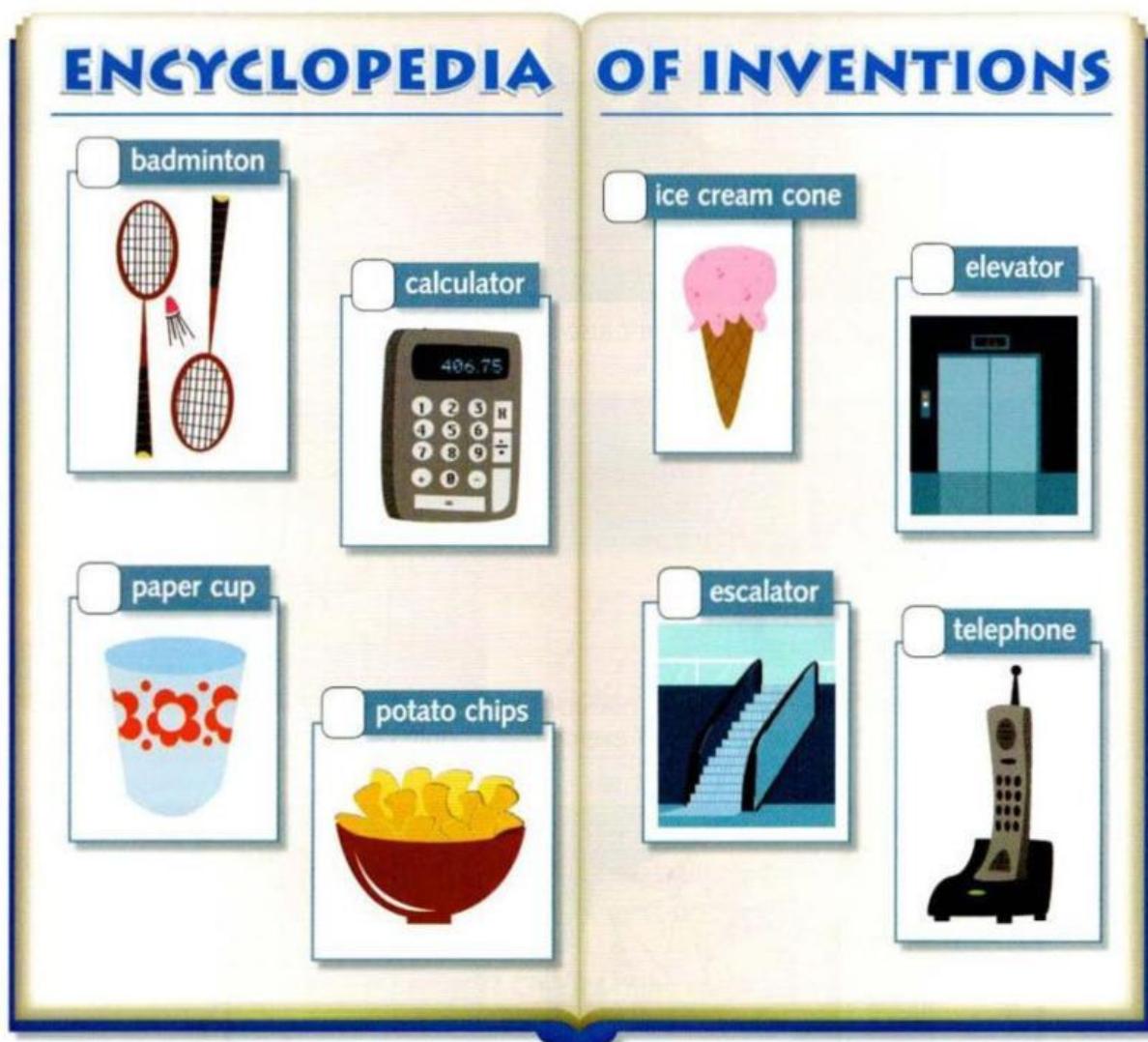
Exercise 3

Listen to the whole conversation. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1. Andy's dad bought the computer from
   - ○ A. a website.
   - ○ B. a shop.
   - ○ C. a friend.

2. How much did it cost?
   - ○ A. £150
   - ○ B. £250
   - ○ C. £2,000

3. What does Andy want to buy for the computer?
   - ○ A. a camera
   - ○ B. a mouse
   - ○ C. a printer

4. Andy doesn't use his computer to
   - ○ A. do homework.
   - ○ B. chat to friends.
   - ○ C. play games.

5. What does Andy like most about the computer?
   - ○ A. the keyboard
   - ○ B. the screen
   - ○ C. the speakers

Exercise 4

You will hear Matt talking to his friend Sara about a technology festival. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1. The Technology Festival is in
   - ○ A. the shopping centre.
   - ○ C. the station.
   - ○ B. the library.

2. Sara saw a robot
   - ○ A. online.
   - ○ C. in class.
   - ○ B. at home.

3. How much does the festival cost?
   - ○ A. £6
   - ○ C. £10
   - ○ B. £8

4. Last year Matt bought a
   - ○ A. camera.
   - ○ C. computer game.
   - ○ B. mouse.

5. Matt and Sarah are going to meet at
   - ○ A. 10.45
   - ○ C. 12.00
   - ○ B. 11.00

Exercise 5

Listen and choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

1. The car will run on

   ○ A. petrol or water.
   ○ B. batteries or hydrogen power.
   ○ C. hydrogen batteries.

2. The computer screen will show the driver

   ○ A. where he is on a road map.
   ○ B. how to drive the car.
   ○ C. how fast he can go.

3. The computer will also be able to show him

   ○ A. how to reach his destination.
   ○ B. how much time his journey will take.
   ○ C. what the weather is like at his destination.

4. The driver will be able to avoid

   ○ A. serious accidents.
   ○ B. traffic jams.
   ○ C. being late for work.

5. Parking will be easier because the computer will

   ○ A. show the driver how much space there is.
   ○ B. let the car park itself.
   ○ C. steer the car for the driver.

6. The ultra violet headlights will

   ○ A. improve visibility by 75%.
   ○ B. be better than daylight.
   ○ C. improve visibility by 50%.

Exercise 6

Listen to two people talk about the best apps for travel. Check (✓) the four app categories. (There are two extra categories.)

☐ safety   ☐ packing   ☐ music

☐ transportation ☐ attractions   ☐ hotel

Exercise 7

Listen to three people discussing the Internet. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

1 The men both use the Internet at work.	
2 The woman thinks people shouldn't use the Internet when they are at work.	
3 The men both think that the Internet is a waste of time.	
4 The woman says some people prefer the Internet to sports.	

Exercise 8

Listen to people talking about essential gadgets. Write them in the correct column.

Speaker	Essential	Not Essential
1	1. 2. 3.	4. 5. 6. 7.
2	8. 9. 10. 11.	12. 13. 14.

Exercise 9

Listen to two people answering the question below. Circle the correct answers to the questions in the table.
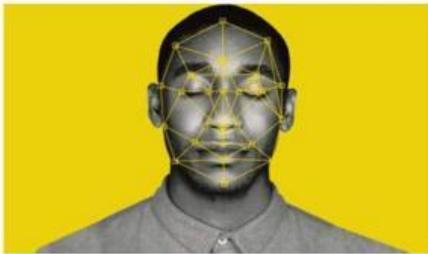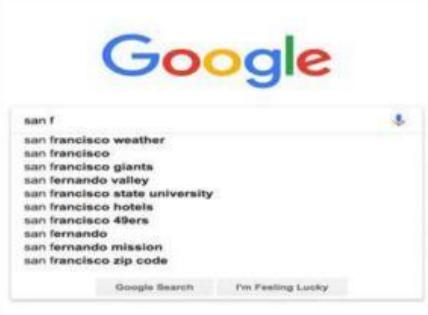
Are new computer games changing the way we live?

	Robert	Miriam
1 Does he/she think computer games are changing the way we live?	yes / no	yes / no
2 Does he/she use a computer for work?	yes / no	yes / no
3 Does he/she enjoy computer games?	yes / no	yes / no
4 Does he/she play a lot?	yes / no	yes / no

Exercise 10

You will hear a discussion on artificial intelligence. Listen to the conversation and complete the note sheet below.

autocomplete   digital assistant   translation app   social media feed

robot floor cleaner   shopping recommendations   speech-to-text

chatbot   facial recognition

	What is it? (1) _____ **Advantages:** - improving safety - improving (2) _____
	What is it? (3) _____ **Advantages:** - reminding us to do things - asking to play any (4) _____
	What is it? (5) _____ **Advantages:** - writing search queries - writing chat messages really (6) _____
	What is it? (7) _____ **Advantages:** - suggesting things that you already want - making shopping a fun and easy experience
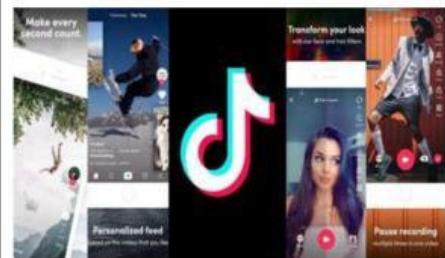
	What is it? (8) _____ **Advantages/Disadvantages:** - getting you (9) _____ - making us learn about so much things we don't know
	What is it? (10) _____ **Advantages/Disadvantages:** - saving our time to do housework
	What is it? (11) _____ **Advantages:** - communicating easily when travelling abroad - being (12) _____ when studying other languages
	What is it? (13) _____ **Advantages/Disadvantages:** - guiding us through the system, step by step - sometimes having a (14) _____ on understanding what we want
	What is it? (15) _____ **Advantage:** - saving time to write or speak