

B Topic Vocabulary Back to the future

Complete the text using the words below.

artificial intelligence necessity optimistic version virtual reality

The 1960s cartoon show *The Jetsons* created a ¹ of the world that its creators imagined would exist in 100 years. The Jetson family lives in a world high above ground and gets from place to place using personal aircrafts. The show gives us an ² picture of the dreams and hopes of the people of that era. Here are some predictions that The Jetsons actually got right!



The Jetsons

- **Holograms:** The Jetsons use holograms to decorate their home, not so different from the ³ technology that we use today.
- **3-D printed food:** The Jetsons place orders for their dinner and immediately receive their food in a special machine. This removes the ⁴ for cooking actual meals and makes their lives much easier. Although 3D printed food has not found its way into our kitchens yet, some restaurants are already using this technology to prepare food at the touch of a button.
- **Robot helpers:** The Jetsons have a robot assistant named Rosie, who definitely has ⁵ She knows how to help and follow orders, but she also has a personality of her own.



C Functional Language Giving instructions

Complete the conversation between a tech support representative and a customer with the phrases below.

Click on the	Now you have to	log in
Did you try	Yes, that's right	log out
Do you see the	Go ahead	shut down

Tech Support: Tech support – how can I help you?

Customer: Hi. I am trying to ¹..... to my account, but I don't remember my password.

Tech Support: ²..... resetting your password?

Customer: No. Can you tell me how?

Tech Support: ³..... button that says "forgot my password".

Customer: Okay, I clicked it. It now says "a password reset link has been sent to your email address".

Tech Support: Okay, great. ⁴..... go to your email and open the link they sent you.

Customer: Okay, I opened the email.

Tech Support: ⁵..... link?

Customer: Yes, I see it. Now I clicked on it. Should I set a new password?

Tech Support: Yes. ⁶..... .

Customer: Okay, and even after I ⁷..... of my email and ⁸..... my computer, will the site remember the new password the next time I use it?

Tech Support: ⁹..... . It shouldn't be a problem.

Customer: Thanks for your help!

Tech Support: My pleasure. Have a great rest of your day!



Wonderful or Weird?

New Gadgets Review

Do you ever have the feeling that technology has gotten a bit crazy? New gadgets are exciting, but are they always necessary? Our staff writers review some unique inventions that have hit the market over the past year. Here's what they have to say ...

5 Selfie Toaster

Toast is a quick and easy breakfast. I eat it almost every morning, but it can be a bit boring. When I heard about the Selfie Toaster, I was curious to try it. This unique kitchen gadget can copy any picture you want onto a piece of toast.

So I sent a selfie to the company and they copied it onto a piece of metal inside the toaster.

When my Selfie Toaster arrived in the mail, I popped in a piece of bread, and *voila*¹ - my face on toast! It doesn't make the toast taste better, but it does make it more fun to eat. It's silly, but it could be worthwhile if you have young kids.



25 Pavlock

I've been trying to stop biting my nails ever since I was a kid, but have always given up after a day or two. So I decided to try out the Pavlock to see if it could help. I wear the bracelet every day and push the button when I feel the urge² to bite my nails. The bracelet then gives me a small electric shock³. It's not pleasant, but it makes me think twice before biting. I'd recommend it to anyone with the same problem. But beware - it does kind of hurt.



30 HushMe

It may look like a futuristic face mask to wear during the COVID pandemic, but the HushMe is so much more. Do you ever have to make a private phone call in a crowded place, like on a train? Are you worried about disturbing the people around you? Do you want to make sure that strangers don't listen in on your conversation? The HushMe blocks all the sound from your call so people around you can't hear you at all. I tried it out and have to say that I'd rather just wait until I get home to make a call in private. It's impressive, but it's also ridiculous-looking and pretty uncomfortable.



45 Clocky Rolling Alarm Clock

"Get out of bed!" That's the slogan⁴ of this new alarm clock. Not only does it make an extremely annoying noise, but it also rolls onto the floor and all around your bedroom. If you want to make it stop, you'll have to catch it first. It certainly worked for me, but I didn't love starting my morning by chasing around a noisy little robot.



¹ voila / ها هو ذا / הנה

² urge / دافع / דחף

³ shock / صدمة كهربائية / סכת חשמל

⁴ slogan / סלוגן, סיסמה / شعار

A Who was this article written for?

- 1 inventors 2 engineering students 3 potential customers

B What problems do each of the gadgets solve? Is there a more practical, or low-tech way to solve each problem?

C Would you recommend any of these gadgets to a friend? Explain.

D Find at least one positive comment and one negative comment in the review of each gadget.