



READING COMPREHENSION

1 Read and listen.

TECHNOLOGY IS GETTING SMALLER

Cameras

The first cameras were very big. You couldn't carry them around. They were also very expensive. Not many people could buy a camera.

Today we have cameras that we can carry around with us. They are also cheap. Today most cameras are digital. This means we can save thousands of photos on the camera's memory card. We can also change the images.



Telephones

The first telephones needed cables and electricity. You couldn't move them around. The first phones without cables needed enormous batteries. They were used by the military, police and ambulance men. The first real mobile phone was also very big, with a big battery.

Now mobile phones are much smaller. They still use batteries and you have to charge them, but they can take photos and videos, and you can connect to the internet and watch TV!



Music

At first people listened to music on vinyl records. These were big and fragile. Then there were cassette tapes, and later there were CDs. Now you can put thousands of songs on an MP3 player and listen to your playlists wherever you are.

All this:

vinyl records

cassette tapes

now fits on this:

CDs

MP3 player



(Page 57, Student Book)

2 Read the sentences and choose YES or NO.



1. Were the first cameras small?
2. Can we save more photos on modern cameras than on the first cameras?
3. Could you carry the first telephone around?
4. Did the first mobile phone have a small battery?
5. Did vinyl records exist before cassette tapes?
6. Can you listen to a playlist anywhere today?

YES	NO
YES	NO
YES	NO
YES	NO
YES	NO
YES	NO