

Vocabulary & Grammar

1 Match the verbs 1–6 with the correct nouns/expressions a–g.

0 crash *e*

1 charge

2 switch

3 select

4 shake

5 turn

6 plug

a the battery

b the volume up

c with fear

d from the menu

e onto the shores

f the hairdryer in

g the radio off

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2 Write in the missing letters to complete the definitions.

0 a modern machine for taking photographs –
a/an d i g i t a l camera

1 water smaller than a sea – a/an _ a _ _

2 a group of mountains – a mountain _ _ _ g _

3 a machine used for recording messages – a/an
_ _ s _ _ _ i _ _ machine

4 long period of dry weather – a/an _ _ _ _ _ h _

5 loud sound you make because you are
frightened or excited – a/an _ c _ _ _ _

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3 Match the beginnings 0–4 with the endings a–e of the sentences using the correct relative pronouns.

- 0 Where is the letter ...
1 This is the restaurant ...
2 The police are looking for the woman ...
3 I'd like to have a dog ...
4 Do you know the boy ...
a She stole my bag last Tuesday.
b He's talking to Alice.
c It doesn't bark all the time.
d My parents met there.
e It came yesterday.

0 Where is the letter which/that came yesterday?

- 1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

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4 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. Use the present perfect tense with *since* or *for* where necessary.

0 I haven't seen (not see) you ~~since~~/for ages.

1 Anna _____ (have) her MP3 player since/for Christmas.

2 It _____ (not rain) here since/for two months.

3 How long _____ (you/know) Joanna?

4 Tom _____ (not talk) to me since/for his birthday.

5 How long _____ (your father/work) for this company?

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5 Underline the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

- 0 I didn't use/used to eat fish when I was young.
- 1 I made/used to make a cheesecake yesterday.
- 2 What kind of music did you use/used to like when you were a teenager?
- 3 Summers did use to/used to be much hotter in this area.
- 4 I'll help you if I'll have/have time tomorrow.
- 5 Will you tell me when she arrives/will arrive?
- 6 I'll make lunch after the film will finish/finishes.
- 7 I'm afraid you won't be able to go out if you won't/don't do the hoovering first.

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Reading

7 Read the article about the future of robots.
Tick (✓) true or cross (X) false.

- 1 In Japan and South Korea robots are only used in industry. ☐
- 2 Follow-me is useful for people who find it difficult to do the washing on their own. ☐
- 3 The homebots' reactions to commands are tested in special mini-houses. ☐
- 4 It's easy to use a homebot in the real world. ☐
- 5 Homebots find it difficult if things are not where they think they are in a room. ☐

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Advance of the **homebot**

Robots are cool but we do not really use them very much. So are they just for fun and will they ever be anything more than toys? We associate robots with countries like Japan and South Korea. In these countries, people use robots in industry and they are also beginning to use them at home. That's where the name comes from – homebots.

The homebot industry makes robots to help disabled and elderly people at home. OLogic, a robot-making company, has designed a robot called Follow-me. It helps people with walking difficulties to do everyday things like carrying their washing or dishes.

The homebot designers do lots of tests to make sure their robots will work well. First, they test their robots in special mini-houses to find out how they will react to commands, like: 'Get the keys', 'Bring me the phone' or 'Turn the TV on'. The robots seem to work quite well. However, using a robot in the real world is much more difficult. The things a robot needs to get are not always put in the same place, e.g. shoes are not always next to the door and keys are not always on the table. There are a lot of things that get in the way of the robot's sensors, like furniture or people moving around.

The designers realise that a robot has to be able to interact with humans, not bump into them and fall over. They are interested in the way humans and technology could communicate. However, they may have gone too far ...

The designers created Hotsy, a microwave, and Mr Cool, a fridge. Hotsy and Mr Cool have personalities. They recognise your voice and you talk to them to make them work. The fridge will only open if you ask it. These robots can develop a relationship with you depending on how kind you are to them. They may decide if they like you or not! And when you leave they can chat to each other. Would you like to have a companion like this?