

# Unit 5 INVENTIONS

## GETTING STARTED

### Computers and our lives



#### 1 Listen and read.

**Phong:** Dad, you promised to reward me if I passed the English test. Well, I did!

**Phong's father:** OK. What do you want – a laptop, a video game, an e-book reader, or a smartphone?

**Phong:** Wow, dad. You're so generous. My old mobile phone is still good. Um... the screen of an electronic book is rather small, so I think a laptop will be my choice.

**Phong's father:** What a wise choice, Phong! A laptop has lots of benefits. It's portable, so you can take it with you; it's economical, so we don't have to spend too much money; and it's very versatile, as it can do many things.

**Phong:** When you were my age, you didn't have a computer, did you?



**Phong's father:** Of course not. No emails, no online games, no Internet, no online shopping, no ...

**Phong:** How could you live without those things?

**Phong's father:** We did. But computers have really changed our lives. The computer is definitely one of the greatest inventions in the world. Now, tell me what you will do with your laptop.

**Phong:** I'll use it to listen to music, to chat with my friends, and to play games.

**Phong's father:** Is that all? How about for your studies?

**Phong:** Yeah... I'll use it for researching topics on the Web and typing my assignments as well.

**Phong's father:** Right. Use it wisely, and it will be your best friend.

#### ACTIVITY 2:



#### Match each word with its definition.

1. generous	a. easy to carry around
2. portable	b. having many different uses
3. economical	c. kind and ready to give more (of something) than expected
4. versatile	d. giving good value for money

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## Pronunciation



**1** Listen and repeat these words or phrases.  
Pay attention to their stressed syllables.



black board  
white board  
hot dog  
light house  
running dog



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**2** Listen and tick (✓) the words you hear.



1. (a) green house ☐
2. (a) soft ware ☐
3. (a) gold brick ☐
4. (a) moving van ☐
5. (a) tall boy ☐



- (b) greenhouse ☐
- (b) software ☐
- (b) goldbrick ☐
- (b) moving van ☐
- (b) tallboy ☐



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## LANGUAGE Vocabulary




1. “Compound nouns” là gì?  
(Nêu định nghĩa ngắn gọn.)

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2 Below are parts of some other compound words. Match the first parts of the words with the second ones.



First part	Second part
1. pencil	a. machine
2. black	b. processor
3. washing	c. phones
4. head	d. case
5. food	e. board

3. Hãy cho thêm ít nhất 5 ví dụ khác các từ ở phần 2 về “compound nouns” mà em biết.



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## Grammar The present perfect



1 Label the timelines below with the words from the box.

past present future present perfect



2. Watch the following video about The Present Perfect Tense in English.