

LEVEL 4B – UNIT 6: MODERN INVENTIONS

Lesson 4: Future inventions

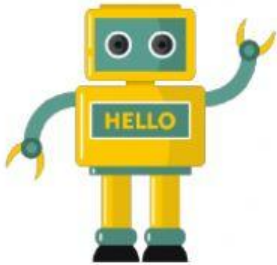
I. Look and read. Match the pictures with the definitions



a machine controlled by a computer that is used to perform jobs automatically



a device for taking photographs or making films



a computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and is flat when closed



a road vehicle with an engine, four wheels, and seats for a small number of people

II. Look and label the things

airplane

ramp

lever

cell phone

electric light





III. Read the text and choose the correct answer

The world in the palm of your hand

One of the first telephones was the “candlestick.” It had a mouthpiece and a separate speaker.

The rotary telephone came next. People dialed the number by spinning the dial on the phone.

Later, people used a new kind of phone that had buttons instead of a dial. It was much faster to dial numbers.

Then came the portable, or mobile, phone. The first mobile phone was very heavy! It weighed over 1 kilogram (about 2 lb.). The battery only lasted about 30 minutes and took ten hours to charge.

Today, mobile phones are very different. Now we have smartphones. They have a large touchscreen, so you can control the phone with just your finger. Smartphones are very popular. Now just about everyone enjoys them!

1. One of the first telephone was_____.

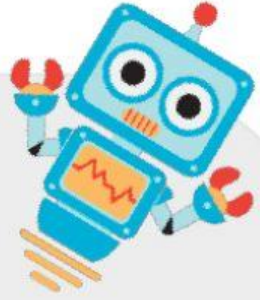
- A. rotary telephone B. candlestick C. smart phone

2. The first mobile phone weighed _____.

- A. over 1 kilogram B. less than 1 kilogram C. 1 kilogram

3. You can control smartphones with your_____

- A. arms B. toes C. fingers

IV. Listen and fill in each blank with ONE WORD**ROBOTS**

A long time ago, robots belonged to science fiction. Children loved looking at **(1)** _____ with robots. Today, robots are real, and they are helping us. In the future, we will all have robots. They will vacuum the floor, wash the dishes, perhaps even **(2)** _____ our cars. I even think one day we'll have robot friends. In Japan today, robot engineers are **(3)** _____ robots to help old people and to keep them company. It's still early days. I'd say we are another 20 to 30 years away from robots being **(4)** _____ in our lives. What will happen to us when the world is full of robots? There'll be no **(5)** _____. McDonalds will be full of smiling robots. Maybe one day we won't be able to tell robots and humans apart. Maybe they'll take over the world.