

# Wider World 2. Unit 4. Reading and Listening.

## New technology

### Reading

For questions 1–7, complete the blog by choosing the correct sentence, A–J. There are two sentences you do not need to use.

- A Finally, I read one or two of my friends' blogs.
- B I wish my friends sent me more instant messages!
- C I had a burger and fries.
- D The memory on my tablet is about 8 billion times bigger than computers then!
- E It's about technology in the 1980s.
- F I'm happy I don't live in the 1980s, though.
- ~~G I didn't go to school, because it's the weekend.~~
- H I thought that the film was OK, and Mum and Dad really liked it.
- I They don't understand why I use my gadgets so much.
- J I took some great ones of me and my friends in the park.

17<sup>th</sup> May

I had a good day today! <sup>0</sup> G. I looked up some information for my homework project. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The gadgets then were really funny, because the computers were so big and slow, and had very little memory. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Amazing! After that, I watched some video clips of my favourite bands on YouTube. Then I uploaded some photos onto my Facebook page. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Click on the link [here](#) if you want to check them out. Anyway, in the afternoon Mum and Dad took us to the cinema. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Then we went for dinner in a nice restaurant in the city centre, which was great. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. When we got home, I switched on the TV and watched a couple of game shows. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They're really great, and a good way to find out what's happening in their lives. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I can't imagine life without my gadgets!

### Listening

[WIDGB2\_Utest\_4\_Listening.mp3] For questions 1–7, listen to the interview and complete the notes below. Write only ONE word in each gap.

| Interview about a Website   |                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Name of website:</b>     | <sup>0</sup> <u>ebay</u> .                                                                                           |
| <b>Users:</b>               | The public and <sup>1</sup> _____ shops                                                                              |
| <b>The Web Site:</b>        | Began in <sup>2</sup> _____ 1995                                                                                     |
| <b>The Founder:</b>         | Name: Pierre Omidyar<br>Nationality: <sup>3</sup> _____                                                              |
| <b>First Item Sold:</b>     | Broken computer gadget (laser pointer)<br>Cost: \$ <sup>4</sup> _____                                                |
| <b>ebay Today:</b>          | Number of people who work for ebay:<br><sup>5</sup> _____ thousand<br>Number of countries ebay has offices in:<br>30 |
| <b>Things For Sale:</b>     | - cheap <sup>6</sup> _____<br>- expensive cars                                                                       |
| <b>Things Not For Sale:</b> | - knives<br>- <sup>7</sup> _____                                                                                     |