

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 11

1 OVERVIEW: Watch the video. Who are you most similar to?

2 Read Hina's text and watch the video from 0:11–0:29. Complete the text with the words in the box.

I love technology. I enjoy reading about ¹ new gadgets and I spend a lot of ² _____ on technology. I couldn't ³ _____ without my mobile phone because I ⁴ _____ my life with ⁵ _____ or without my MP3 player because I love listening ⁶ _____ music. How about you? How do you feel about ⁷ _____?



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Glossary: gadget = a small tool or machine that helps you do something

3 Watch the video from 0:29–2:56 and write the six items of technology the speakers talk about.

- 1 computer
- 2 m _____
- 3 i _____
- 4 _____ player
- 5 l _____
- 6 e-book _____

4 How do they feel about technology? Look at the people below and read the answers. Then watch the video from 0:29–1:21 and match people A–F to their answers.



- 1 I am definitely not a technophobe. I have learnt to love technology very much, though, in my job.
- 2 For what I do, I'm probably quite a technophobe.
- 3 I have every latest gadget as it comes out.
- 4 I love technology – a lot. You know, everything about it like new gadgets, you know, computers, things like that.
- 5 I've got lots of gadgets. I wouldn't be ... I wouldn't know what to do without my laptop.
- 6 I hate technology. I find it frightening and disturbing.

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Glossary: *disturbing* = makes you feel worried/upset
technophobe = a person who finds it hard to use technology

- 5** Look at the people below and read the questions about them. Then watch the video from 1:26–2:04 and write the answers to the questions. Watch the video two or three times if necessary.



- 1** Where's his mobile phone?

Answer:

In his pocket.



- 2** What's her mobile phone connected to?

Answer:



- 3** Why isn't she using her iPod?

Answer:



- 4** Which items of technology does he have with him?

Answer:



- 5** How many mobiles has she got?

Answer:



- 6** How many gadgets does he have?

Answer:

Glossary: *connected* = joined
charged = to have electric power

- 6** Are there any items of technology they couldn't live without? Watch the video from 2:05–2:56. Tick (✓) the answers that speakers 1–6 give in the table below.

Items	A	B	C	D	E	F
computer	✓					
phone						
laptop						
iPod						
TV						
Internet						

7 Look at the people below and complete their answers with the words in the box. Then watch the video again from 2:05–2:56 and check your answers.

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I couldn't live without my computer.
Why not? Because I'm ¹on it all the time. It ²_____ down once for three weeks and I felt like my husband had left me – I'm not even married. I was ³_____. So no, I couldn't live without my computer.



I couldn't live without my laptop.
I could probably live without my phone. I quite like leaving it ⁴_____ off for a while. But the laptop's ⁵_____.



My phone. I think ⁶beyond _____, I don't need anything else.

8 VOCABULARY: Match definitions a–f to phrases 1–6 in Exercise 7.

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| a) using it | ☐ |
| b) important and necessary | ☐ |
| c) the opposite of turn on | ☐ |
| d) apart from that | ☐ |
| e) stopped working | ☐ |
| f) very sad/upset | ☐ |

9 PERSONALISATION: Write your answers to the questions below.

What items of technology could/couldn't you live without? Why?
