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]_____?

~~new~~	plan	to	technology	money	live	it

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. [D]
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. [ ]

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

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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						

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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.**

~~on~~	turned	that	devasted	essential	broke

I couldn't live without my computer. Why not? Because I'm [1]*on* 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 [6]*beyond* _____, I don't need anything else.

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

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?

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