

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Language focus

1 Complete the sentences with *will* or *might*. You may have to use negative forms.

- 0 I will phone you when I arrive.
- 1 I _____ see you later because I'm going out.
- 2 I'm sure Jack _____ skype you this evening. He always does.
- 3 We _____ get a new laptop – we haven't really decided yet.
- 4 Sarah _____ call today – it depends how busy she is.
- 5 I don't believe that people _____ live on the moon in our lifetime.

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2 Write full sentences with the words. Use the words in brackets in the correct place.

- 0 I / come / tonight. (will / probably)
I'll probably come tonight.
- 1 I / see you / later. (will / definitely)

- 2 You / remember / me. (won't / probably)

- 3 We / visit you / next year. (will / certainly)

- 4 My brother Paul / call us / tomorrow. (will / probably)

- 5 My parents / set up / a social media site account. (won't / definitely)

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 Tom won't come (not come) tonight if he is (be) too busy.
- 1 If you _____ (take) more exercise, you _____ (start) to feel better.
- 2 Tom _____ (not pass) all his exams if he _____ (not study) harder.
- 3 If you _____ (have) a social media site account, I _____ (invite) you to be my friend.
- 4 Paul _____ (study) English if he _____ (go) to university.
- 5 If I _____ (have) time, I _____ (help) you later.

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4 Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

I got some money for my birthday, and I want to spend it on some technology. If I ⁰ ___ a new phone, that will be a waste of money, as I've already got a good phone. I ¹ ___ buy a tablet but I'm not sure yet because I already have a laptop at home. I know my brother Dan ² ___ wants to buy one, though, and sell his laptop. But if he ³ ___ his friends in Australia, he might miss his great webcam. If I actually get a tablet, I ⁴ ___ how it goes. I probably ⁵ ___ want to use my laptop any more, and Dan can skype his friends on it!

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| 0 a will get | b get | c don't get |
| 1 a will | b might | c can |
| 2 a definitely | b maybe | c probably |
| 3 a won't skype | b will skype | c skypes |
| 4 a will see | b see | c won't see |
| 5 a won't | b might | c will |

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the words. The first letter is there to help you. There is one space for each other letter in the word.

- I communicate more with people o n l i n e than any other way.
- I've found a great f _____ for language students on the Internet.
- I love c _____ to my friends through social media sites.
- I try to write a b _____ p _____ every day about what's happening in my school.
- I think I have more v _____ f _____ than people I know in my town.
- I use social n _____ sites more than any others on the Internet.

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6 Choose a verb from the box to describe each comment. There are two more words than you need.

whisper	complain	boast	gossip	argue	joke	shout	criticise
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| 0 'This phone's awful!' 'No it isn't – it's great!' | <u>argue</u> |
| 1 'I really hate getting up when it's so cold.' | _____ |
| 2 'Did you hear about Geoff and Lisa?' | _____ |
| 3 'Mum always buys me the most expensive clothes.' | _____ |
| 4 'Shhh, you have to be quiet in here.' | _____ |
| 5 'Help! Can anybody hear me?!' | _____ |

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7 Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

I usually carry my ⁰ ___ around with me because it's so small and light. I don't use the Internet a lot, but I have a ¹ ___ account and I often write a ² ___ update on it, and find out what my friends are doing. I enjoy doing it but Mum and I ³ ___ about it because she thinks it's a waste of time. I don't agree with her but we usually laugh and ⁴ ___ about it, so it's fine. Anyway, she doesn't really understand technology and only makes ⁵ ___ when she really has something important to say!

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| 0 a tablet | b laptop | c desktop computer |
| 1 a social media site | b message | c tweet |
| 2 a social | b video | c status |
| 3 a complain | b argue | c gossip |
| 4 a criticise | b joke | c shout |
| 5 a phone calls | b emails | c webcams |

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8 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are two more words than you need.

get by social media sites ~~communication~~ access face to face digital generation go up keep on

How often do you use digital ⁰ communication ? My parents call my friends and me the ¹ ___ because we use so much technology in our lives. And I suppose they've got a point! I guess I could ² ___ without my laptop, but not my smartphone! I need to stay in touch with my friends, and I often do that by going on ³ ___. I think that's where I have contact with most of my friends. That's different from Mum and Dad, as they really value seeing their friends ⁴ ___. I can't really imagine them trying to ⁵ ___ websites to contact their friends!

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Useful language

9 Complete the conversation. What does Jane say to her older brother Rick? Choose from the answers (a–h). There are two more expressions than you need.

Rick: What's the matter, Jane? You look worried.

Jane: 0 f

Rick: Well, that's no problem!

Jane: 1 ___

Rick: Of course you can! Your English is good.

Jane: 2 ___

Rick: I think I can help you decide – and you can practise on me.

Jane: 3 ___

Rick: Don't worry. It'll turn out all right.

Jane: 4 ___

Rick: Yes, it is! And you'll be fine!

Jane: 5 ___

Rick: You're welcome!

a You're right – I think I will! Thanks, Rick!

b I've more or less finished it.

c It is! I don't think I can do it.

d Do I need to practise it lots of times?

e Really? Great! I'll feel more confident then.

f Oh, I've got to speak to my whole class in English!

g Mm, well, this sounds like a good idea.

h Thanks – but I haven't planned what to say.

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Listening

- 10**  Listen to five people talking about means of communication. Fill in the missing words that you hear.

- 0 Harry thinks texting is quicker than chatting on the phone.
- 1 Amy prefers to use _____ when she is talking to her sister in Australia.
- 2 Tom adds to his _____ about the environment every day.
- 3 The _____ that Samantha likes best lets her share information.
- 4 Angela finds that _____ are quite a difficult way for her to communicate.
- 5 Kurt finds _____ are the best way for him to contact friends.

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Reading

- 11** Read this article about communication.

What next for communication?

The way people communicate has changed a lot over the last few years. So many people have to check their Facebook page, Twitter account, emails or text messages every few minutes. How often do you see people in the street not paying any attention to what is going on around them? They are just busy 'communicating'.

For many people, these technological developments are exciting. Science fiction becomes science fact. What will the next big thing be? Imagine communicating with anyone, anywhere in the world through your glasses or your watch – well, you can now. Although these latest inventions are still expensive, they will become cheaper very soon.

On the other hand, this 24/7 communication might result in people spending more time alone, in isolation. There may be no need to meet anyone face to face if you can listen to music, upload video clips, and send and receive text messages and emails through your watch at any time of the day or night.

Although there are, of course, many benefits to the communication systems we have now, there is a danger that soon we will not be able to communicate in a real way. I hope that the advances in technology stop before we all have a microchip and end up being robots!

by Jamie Rogers

Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

- 0 What does Jamie say in the first paragraph about modern means of communication?
 - a They are making our lives better.
 - b** They are developing very quickly.
 - c They are becoming easier to use.
- 1 What does Jamie mean when he talks about people 'communicating'?
 - a They are talking to other people in the street.
 - b They are managing to do several things at the same time.
 - c They are checking their electronic devices.
- 2 In the second paragraph, Jamie says for some people, new developments are
 - a very positive.
 - b a bit worrying.
 - c hard to believe.
- 3 Jamie thinks that new devices
 - a will always be too expensive for most people.
 - b will be located in glasses and watches.
 - c will come down in price.
- 4 Jamie is worried that because of new technology, people will
 - a spend too much on the latest devices.
 - b stop being with other people.
 - c get too little sleep at night.
- 5 What would Jamie like to happen in the future?
 - a The technological advances will come to an end before it's too late.
 - b There will be better digital communication.
 - c There will be a greater use of robots.

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Writing

12 Teenagers use their mobile phones too much. Do you agree with this statement? Write an essay.

Write 100–120 words.

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