

Listening

4  You will hear five short extracts in which various people are talking about privacy in cyberspace.

Task 1

For questions 1-5, choose from the list A-H the person who is speaking.

A A film director
B A sociologist
C A postman
D A lawyer
E A father
F A businessman
G A biographer
H A computer manufacturer

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Students A & B

What degree of danger might these professionals face in their jobs?

Which job is the most dangerous?

Task 2

For questions 6-10, choose from the list A-H the topic which each speaker is talking about.

A privacy is a thing of the past
B privacy rights and regulations
C privacy for celebrities
D privacy and the fear of its loss
E privacy and the machines which provide it
F privacy and the price we pay for it
G privacy and advertising
H privacy from a teenage viewpoint

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(10 marks)

Speaking

Students A & B

5 a. Work in pairs. Talk to each other about the degree of danger each of the following professionals might face in their jobs. Then decide on the job that is most dangerous.



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We are currently in the process of collecting material for a book on the effect technology has had on people over the past twenty years. What we are looking for is material on how technology has changed your everyday life. If you feel you have something to say about this topic, write and tell us:

- what technological advancement has affected you the most
- whether it has affected you in a positive or negative manner
- if you feel technology is making our world a better place

The best ten contributions will be published in the book.

Write your contribution for the book in 220-260 words.

(20 marks)

(Total = 100 marks)

Progress Check Module 3

➤ Tapescript for Exercise 4 (p. 142)

- 1 Well, having written a book about her, I suppose I'd quote Greta Garbo's famous words, "I want to be alone". Which of us hasn't felt the same way sometimes? Although she died in 1990, when the World Wide Web was just beginning, she now has hundreds of web sites dedicated to her, documenting her life and work, comparing her with other actresses and analysing her performances. It's an ironic fate for someone with such a desire for privacy.
- 2 "Send me emails," he said when he went off to university. He must be joking! Why can't he pick up a pen and write me a good old-fashioned letter like everyone used to? I don't like the idea of sending him news from home and having it flying about between here and Leeds in that cyberspace where anyone can get their hands on it. I don't want everyone to know the details of my private life. And I've heard that some people can even access your bank accounts. It makes me shudder at the very thought of what could happen.
- 3 The day they change the laws is the day we'll go bust! I mean, I like a bit of privacy as much as the next person, but the fact is that we have to compete with the rest out there. I dare say one or two people find us a bit irritating and, believe me, I'm well aware that most of our mail gets clicked into the junk-mail box or deleted before it's even read. Still, the job's to shift the product, isn't it? And if you ask me, most people would prefer ads in their inbox than unwanted phone calls morning, noon and night.
- 4 Well, seen from a legal point of view, I would define privacy as "the right to be left alone". Indeed, many countries now have a host of edicts which attempt to define the rights of an individual to be left alone, and the limits of those rights. Although these have adapted as technology has developed, there seems to be an irreconcilable difference between the personal rights of the individual and the needs of the state. At present, world governments have failed to pass any meaningful Internet Privacy Legislation despite a resounding mandate from most voters.
- 5 We take privacy too much for granted. It's actually a very new phenomenon – a product of industrialisation. For most of civilisation's history people have led very public lives, with everyone in a social group, such as a village, knowing everyone else's business. One of the things which drew people away from the countryside to the cities during the industrialisation of Europe was the opportunities it provided for privacy and personal anonymity. Today, with so many of our personal details online, such privacy is a luxury.

and I'd tried everything – all the usual pills and potions. I'd been to various doctors who'd offered all kinds of explanations: ear infection, sinusitis, worry and so on – and the treatments to go with them. But nothing helped – I was at my wits' end. Anyway, when a friend suggested acupuncture I was a bit squeamish at first – I mean all those needles – ouch! But in the end it really worked and I got long-term relief – though it did take several weeks of treatment before I noticed the effects.

- 2 *Man:* I realised there was something wrong when I started sleeping badly – I seemed to toss and turn all night. In the end I realised I just couldn't get into a nice, comfortable, relaxing position. And then in the morning I could hardly get out of bed, I was so stiff. I just seemed to ache all over – I began to think that perhaps there was something really seriously wrong with me – you know, something life-threatening. My doctor reassured me, though, and advised me to be more physically active, so I started going to the gym regularly – about three times a week – and would you believe it, that did the trick.
- 3 *Woman:* It started with cheese I think, which I know is supposed to be fairly indigestible, so I wasn't too worried – but then it progressed to all kinds of foods – and I just seemed to suffer excruciating pain after every meal – it was quite embarrassing as well as painful, and I had to stop going out to restaurants altogether. And indigestion tablets really didn't help. But I read an article about food sensitivity in a woman's magazine, and tried cutting out a whole range of foods from my diet; not just cheese, but all dairy products, wheat, coffee and so on – and to my relief it gradually got better.
- 4 *Man:* I'd done something to my knee skiing – I'd had an awkward fall, and though I didn't break anything I must have twisted my knee as I fell – and it just kept on bothering me, for years, really, on and off. It didn't stop me living a normal life but strenuous exercise was out of the question – and I'm a keen sportsman, so that was quite frustrating. In the end there was no alternative but to have it operated on. Well after that I was completely out of action for a few weeks, but with physiotherapy I eventually got back to normal – now I'm as right as rain!
- 5 *Woman:* I'd had a really bad dose of flu, and just felt really down afterwards – and it went on for months and months. It got to the point where I couldn't face getting up in the morning and when I did I just felt so gloomy. My doctor had tried me on various drugs – but if anything, they seemed to make me worse, not better. In the end, I saw a psychotherapist, who recommended I take up some kind of sport I thought that was pretty naive at first, but went along with it. I joined a tennis club, and I must say the exercise really helped – within weeks I was feeling more cheerful, and now my game is improving too!