UNIT 12. THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY (2)

READING

1. What can we use very small computers for? Choose the best answer(s). Then read the magazine article and check your ideas.

A finding lost objects **B** watching films

C helping doctors **D** doing homework

THE SMALLEST COMPUTER IN THE WORLD

Computers are smaller and smaller every day. The smallest computer in the world is like a grain of rice. It is only 2 mm long. It's called a micro-computer.

1

Because they are useful for doing many different things. Doctors can put one inside a person's body and it can tell them the temperature of part of the body or it can take photos so they can see what is happening inside the body.

These micro-computers can also help us find things. Imagine you can't find your door key or your smartphone. You can put a micro-computer on your key or smartphone and the computer can tell you where your key is. Amazing!

2

They use electricity made from light so they only need a very small battery and they are very cheap. They aren't heavy so you can put them anywhere you want, in clothes, in water or even on an animal.

3

They don't have a screen or a printer, so when you want to look at pictures or print information, you connect them to a different machine. You can't watch films or use them for your homework either!

2. Read the article again and match the questions to the paragraphs (1-3).

A What is good about these computers?

B What is the problem with these computers?

C Why do people want very small computers?

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