

Overview**Watch the video podcast. Who are you most similar to?**

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



I love technology. I enjoy reading about ¹new 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 sth

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

1 computer	4 _____ player
2 m_____	5 _____
3 i_____	6 e-book _____

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



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

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.

4 Look at the people below and read the questions about them. Then watch the video podcast from 1:26-2:04 and write the answers to the questions. Watch the podcast 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

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

items	1	2	3	4	5	6
computer	✓					
phone						
laptop						
iPod						
TV						
Internet						

6 Look at the people below and complete their answers with the words in the box. Then watch the podcast 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 ¹ on it all the time. It ² turned down once for three weeks and I felt like my husband had left me – I'm not even married. I was ³ devastated. 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 turned off for a while. But the laptop's ⁵ essential.

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

Vocabulary

7 Match definitions a-f to phrases 1-6 in Ex 6.

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

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Personalisation

8 Write your answers to the questions below.

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



FUN FACTS



A mobile phone saved the life of a boy in Congo. To find out more, go to the BBC link below:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/newsenglish/witn/2008/12/081203_congo_amputation.shtml

