

**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 <sup>1</sup>*new* gadgets and I spend a lot of <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on technology. I couldn't <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ without my mobile phone because I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my life with <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, or without my MP3 player because I love listening <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ music. How about you? How do you feel about <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

*new*      plan      to      technology      money      live      it

**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.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 <i>computer</i> | 4 _____ player |
| 2 m _____         | 5 I _____      |
| 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

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 I am definitely not a technophobe. I have learnt to love technology very much, though, in my job.                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 For what I do, I'm probably quite a technophobe.  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3 I have every latest gadget as it comes out.   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4 I love technology – a lot. You know, everything about it like new gadgets, you know, computers, things like that. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5 I've got lots of gadgets. I wouldn't be... I wouldn't know what to do without my laptop.                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6 I hate technology. I find it frightening and disturbing.  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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.

⊖ turned that devastated essential broke



I couldn't live without my computer. Why not? Because I'm <sup>1</sup> on it all the time. It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ down once for three weeks and I felt like my husband had left me – I'm not even married. I was <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. 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 <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ off for a while. But the laptop's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.



My phone. I think <sup>6</sup> *beyond* \_\_\_\_\_, I don't need anything else.

### Vocabulary

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

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a) using it                | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| b) important and necessary | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| c) the opposite of turn on | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| d) apart from that         | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| e) stopped working         | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| f) very sad/upset          | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

### Personalisation

8 Write your answers to the questions below.

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

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

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