

# Technology Time

4. Easy.

C. Difficult.

1



A



2



B



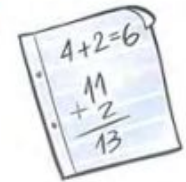
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C



4



D



5



E



**Grammar**

*Be going to*; Present continuous for future arrangements

**Vocabulary**

Technology; Technology phrases

**Speaking**

Asking for information

**Writing**

A story



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memory stick	netbook
screen	smartphone
social networking site	WiFi

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 /'waɪfaɪ/

2 Complete the sentences with words from Exercise 1.

- I did my homework on my home computer, then I took it to school on a *memory stick*.
- I don't use a laptop, I use a n .... because it's smaller.
- You can talk to lots of friends and share photos on a s ....
- It's faster to go on the internet with b ....
- The s .... on a mobile phone is very small.
- You can use a W .... internet connection in many different places.
- My dad always listens to the sports news on his d ....

3 Read the definition and say the word.

- 1 Teachers sometimes write on this in the classroom. *Interactive whiteboard*
- 2 This is a fast way to send short messages.
- 3 This is a mobile phone which has email and an MP3 player.
- 4 This isn't a paper book. It's electronic.
- 5 This is an online diary.

3 Match ten technology words.

1 *interactive whiteboard*

memory whiteboard  
messaging band stick  
net smart broad phone  
digital e book social  
radio networking instant  
Fi book site Wi  
interactive

4 In pairs, ask and answer about technology.

Do you use IM?


Yes, I sometimes / often use it.

No, I never use it.



**Brain Trainer Activity 3**

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# e-reading!

- 1 We use computers all the time and we read text on a screen every day – <sup>1</sup>.... Many people use their mobile phone to read and some have ebooks. What do you use? What are you going to use in the future?
- 2 Ebooks are going to change in the future. We know that makers of ebooks are going to give them flexible screens so they're soft and easy to carry. <sup>2</sup>.... But what are we going to see after that? Imagine a new generation of ebooks that can read you a story, books that can change colour, books with 3D pictures. All of them are going to be possible.
- 3 What about books for mobile phones? In Japan, 'keitai' are popular. These are very short novels for people to read on their mobile phones. Teenagers can become writers of 'keitai' novels. They also like the new fashion for Twitter novels. They're only 140 characters long – that's shorter than this paragraph! <sup>3</sup>....



- 1 Look at the text and the photos. What do you think the text is about?

- a The future of novels
- b Ebooks vs mobile phones
- c The future of reading

- 3 3.31 Read the text. Add sentences (a–c) to paragraphs (1–3).

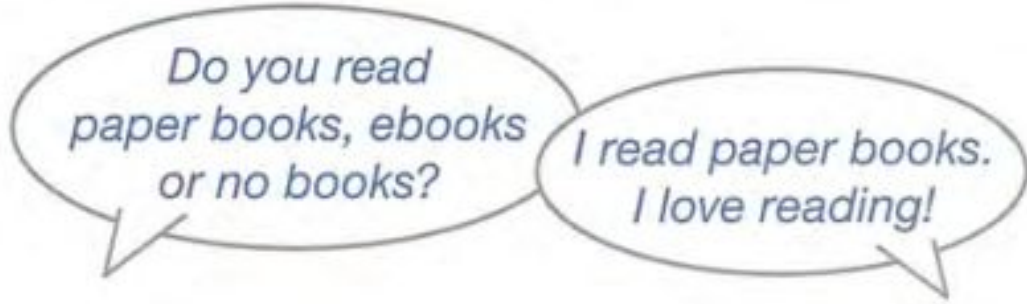
- a Why don't you write one today?
- b They're going to be waterproof, too, so we can read them in the bath!
- c phone texts, instant messages and short messages on social networking sites.

- 4 3.31 Read the text again. Complete the sentences with one word from the text.

- 1 These days people often read text on a *screen*.
- 2 Soon, ebooks are going to ....
- 3 Ebooks with flexible screens are ....
- 4 In the future, ebooks can have 3D ....
- 5 'Keitai' are popular in ....
- 6 You read 'keitai' novels on a ....
- 7 Twitter novels are very ....

**5** **What about you?** In pairs, ask and answer.

- 1 Do you read paper books or ebooks?
- 2 Which is better, an ebook or a paper book?
- 3 Can you write a Twitter novel?



# Homework!

★ 1 Choose seven items of technology that you can touch.

broadband

social networking site

WiFi



digital radio

blog

ebook

netbook

screen

interactive whiteboard



smartphone

memory stick

instant messaging

2 Write the words from Exercise 1 next to the correct object.



1 digital radio



2 .....



3 .....



4 .....



5 .....



6 .....



7 .....



Complete the conversation. Use the words you didn't choose in Exercise 1.

**Dad** What are you doing?

**Sarah** I'm trying to find Justin Bieber's <sup>1</sup> *blog*. I want to know everything he does. The computer's really slow today. Why haven't we got <sup>2</sup> .....

**Dad** We're getting it on Saturday. We're getting <sup>3</sup> ..... too so you can use your laptop in every room in the house.

**Dad** I thought you were on Justin's website. That isn't Justin.

**Sarah** No, I'm chatting to friends now.

**Dad** You spend too much time on <sup>4</sup> .....

**Sarah** I love them. The <sup>5</sup> ..... is fantastic. I can talk to all my friends at the same time.

**Dad** You spend all day with your friends at school.

**Sarah** But Dad, that's different!

**5 Answer the questions.**

- 1 What technology do you use at home?  
.....
- 2 What technology do you use at your school?  
.....
- 3 Who do you know that writes a blog?  
.....
- 4 What social networking sites do you use?  
.....
- 5 What can you do with a smartphone?  
.....

**Choose the correct options.**

- 1 You want to read a novel. You can use:  
**a** instant messaging **b** a digital radio  
**c** an ebook
- 2 You want to talk to your friends. You can use:  
**a** instant messaging **b** a memory stick  
**c** an interactive whiteboard
- 3 You want to take the homework you did on your computer to school. You can use:  
**a** WiFi **b** a screen **c** a memory stick
- 4 You want to take a photo of your friends. You can use:  
**a** an ebook **b** a smartphone **c** a blog
- 5 You want to listen to some music. You can use:  
**a** a social networking site **b** a digital radio  
**c** a screen
- 6 You want to write and tell people about what happens at school. You can use:  
**a** a blog **b** broadband **c** an ebook

① Usha's going to take her new Candy 3G on holiday. Why?  
 I want to go to the beach and read every day but I don't want to take lots of books. I'm going to take my Candy 3G because it's light and I can carry it in my bag. It's got all the books I want to read on it.  
 In fact, it stores up to 3,500 books and it's only £105!

② **Buy the Sung S2 and you're going to love it! It's light, it's fast and it's easy to use – and it's got a 25 cm screen. You get WiFi too, so you can go online wherever you are. Find your favourite websites. Enjoy chatting to friends. Watch films and TV shows. Send emails. Play games. At £265, it's a winner!**

★ 2 Read the advertisements again. Label the photos.

1 .....



2 .....



3 .....



③ The Albert 35 is just what you need next to your bed. Set your alarm for the morning and you can wake up to your favourite music. And with the Albert 35, you can listen to your favourite programmes at any time. It's also a CD player and it can play from an MP3 player or memory stick. It's available in red, black or white and costs £199!

Read the advertisements quickly. Match the names (1–3) to the technology words (a–c).

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 The Candy 3G is  | a a digital radio. |
| 2 The Sung S2 is   | b an ebook.        |
| 3 The Albert 35 is | c a netbook.       |

**3** Look at the advertisements again. Write Candy 3G (C), Sung S2 (S) or Albert 35 (A).

- 1 It's got WiFi. S
- 2 You can choose the colour of it. ....
- 3 You can read novels on it. ....
- 4 It's cheaper than the digital radio. ....
- 5 You can watch films on it. ....
- 6 It doesn't have a screen. ....

**4** Answer the questions.

- 1 How many books can you store on the Candy 3G?  
..... \*
- 2 How much is the Candy?  
..... \*
- 3 How big is the netbook screen?  
..... \*
- 4 How much is the Sung S2?  
..... \*
- 5 Where is the best place for the digital radio?  
..... \*
- 6 How many colours can you choose from?  
..... \*

