### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

• **Science** is knowledge which can be a system and which usually depends on seeing and testing facts, stating general natural laws.

Science is based on <u>observation</u> and <u>experiment</u>.

- Scientists <u>aim to discover</u> answers to the questions: «How?» and «Why?»
- They try to <u>explain</u> the world from the material point of view.
- They <u>explore</u> things that are mysteries to us and <u>do research</u>.
- They <u>study</u> physical objects and <u>observe</u> different processes and phenomena.

- Then they <u>analyze</u>, <u>systematize</u>, <u>classify</u> them.
- After that they <u>suggest</u> new ideas, <u>put</u> <u>forward</u> theories and <u>set out</u> laws.
- Scientists <u>make experiments</u> and <u>discover</u> various facts.
- Finally, they <u>state(establish)</u> and <u>formulate</u> the principles of these theories.



- Thus, scientists <u>develop</u> and <u>advance</u> science and science <u>progresses</u>.
- In some centuries people mostly <u>store</u>, <u>save</u> and <u>preserve</u> information.
- But there are centuries that <u>are rich in</u> numerous important <u>discoveries and</u> <u>inventions</u>.
- For example, the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries saw the greatest inventions indeed.

What inventions and discoveries can be regarded as <u>real breakthroughs</u>?

There is a legend that they are the fire, the wheel and the alphabet as they gave humanity power over matter, space and symbols relatively.

The other widely spread idea is that *the compass*, *(gun)powder* and *paper* are most <u>influential</u> inventions in the history of mankind.

But in fact there are lots of them.



 Few people will deny the fact that we <u>can't</u> do without science nowadays.

There are **2 major reasons** for that.

Apart from those who are keen on receiving knowledge, getting new information just for the fun of it or to broaden their own horizons, we can't ignore the fact we live in a certain environment.

- No doubt we should know ourselves and everything around us better. It is <u>essential</u> not to <u>get into trouble</u>, to <u>provide</u> ourselves <u>with</u> a healthy place to live in.
- Besides it is a well-known fact that science <u>affects</u> nearly every area of common people's lives through technology.

 "Science can give us knowledge of our environment. It sets the scene in which we act. If it couldn't do that, we'd be blind and ignorant and couldn't act reasonably at all."

(Magnus Pyke, a British scientist)

 "Science clears the fields on which technology can build."

(Werner Heisenberg, a German scientist)

- Now we are living at a most exciting time in the history of science. Modern methods of research enable us to understand many things that were mysterious to our ancestors. We are increasing our understanding of the universe.
- But the more we <u>find out</u> the more we <u>realize</u> how much there is still to learn.

- Here are some <u>urgent acute</u> problems scientific minds are working at, to mention only a few:
- Finding alternative sources of energy
- Recycling and reusing materials
- Creating effective systems of communication

