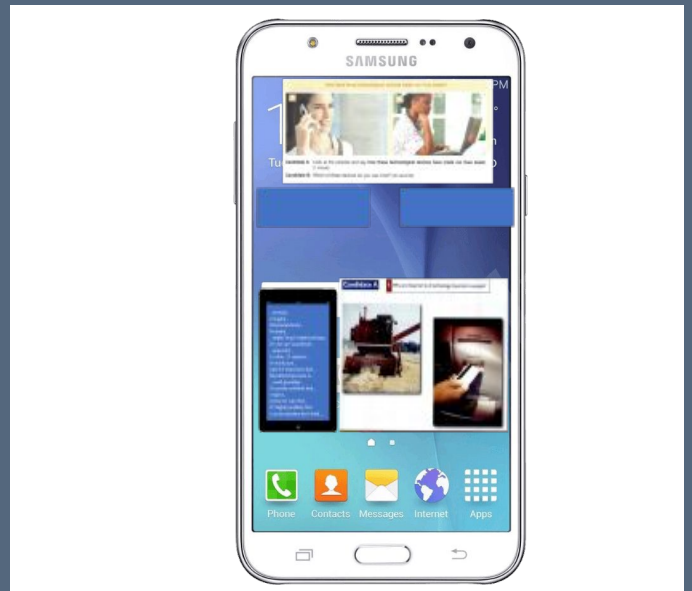
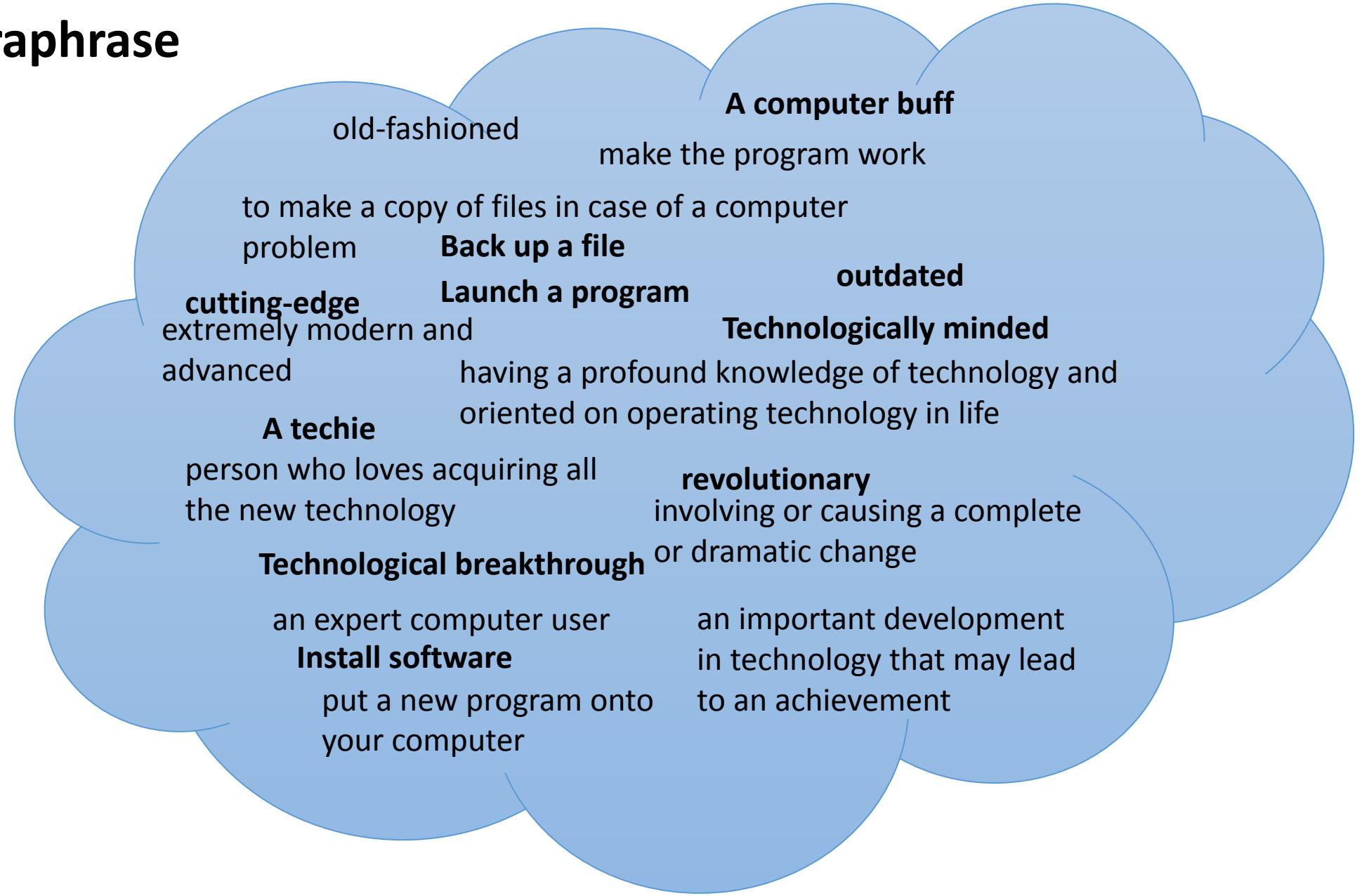
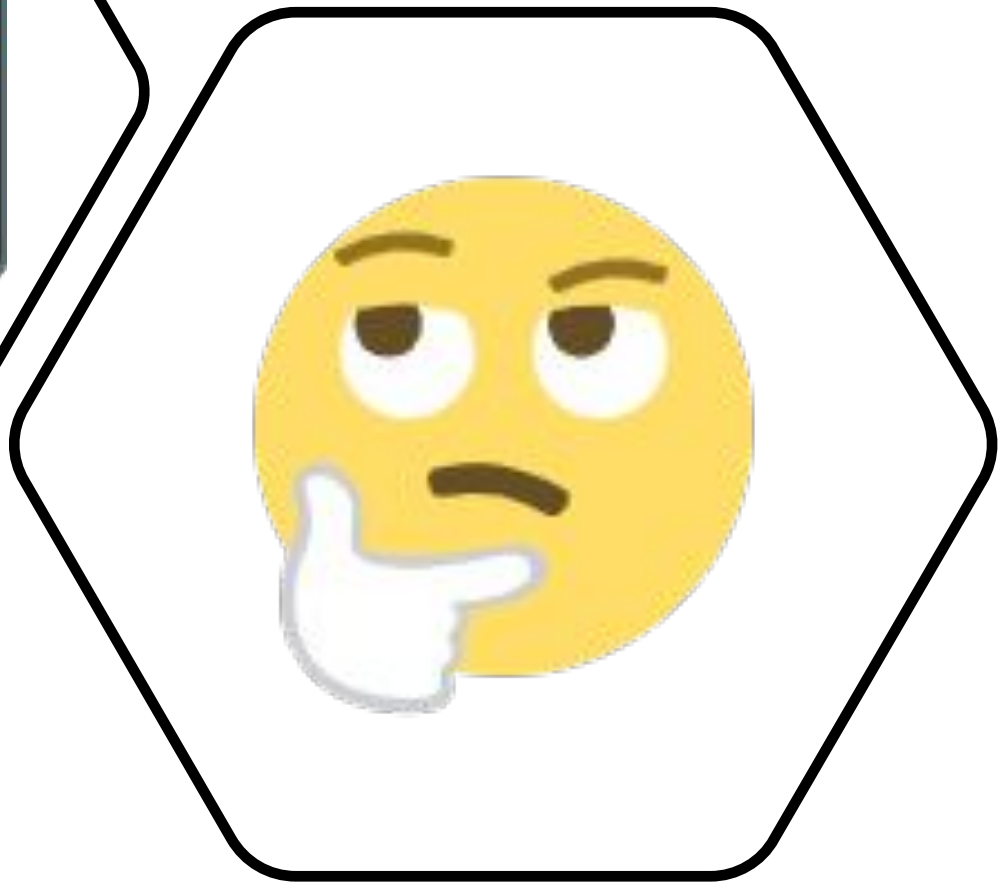


TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS

Let’s paraphrase



As far as I am concerned,
I am convinced that
If I had to choose
I have never thought about that before,
Let me think
Oh, that’s a tough one, let me think



- How often do you use Internet?
- Do you enjoy using technology?
- Do you use the Internet for your studies/work?
- Is it good to have a robot at home?
- Would you want to take a car where a robot is the driver?
- Do you use any gadgets on a daily basis?
- Has the Internet made your job/studies easier?

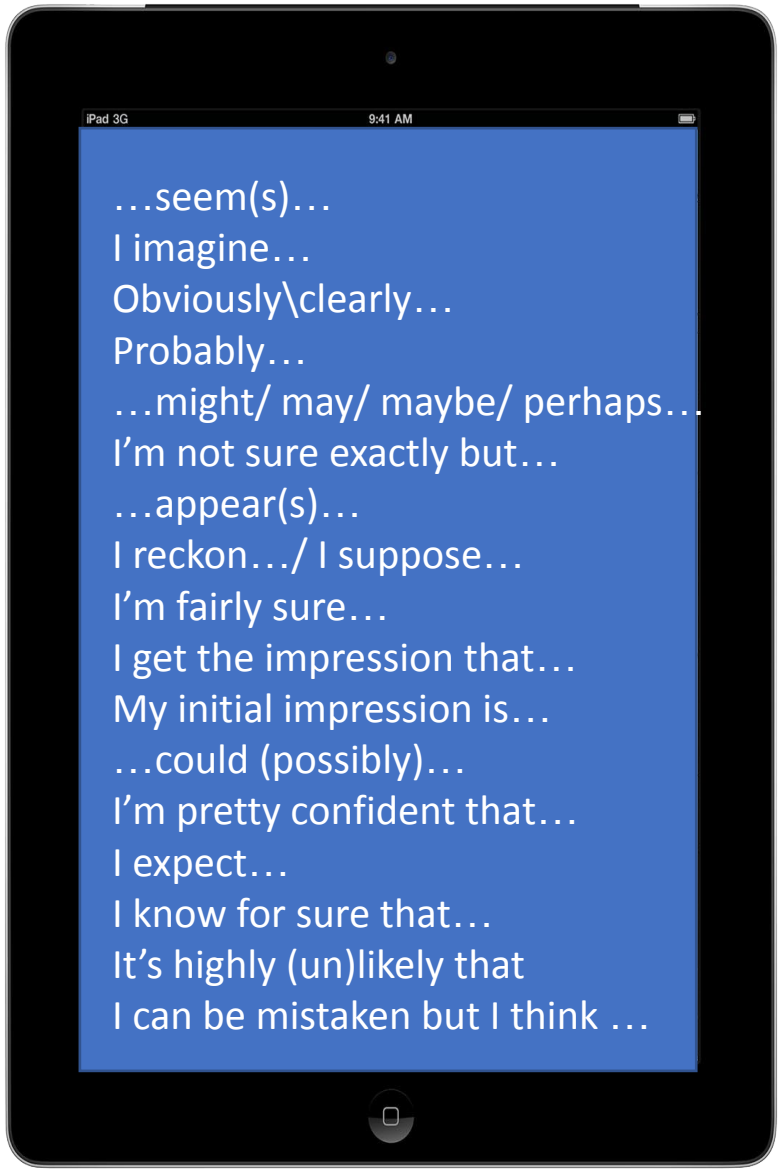
How have these technological devices made our lives easier?

Candidate A: Look at the pictures and say **how these technological devices have made our lives easier.** (1 minute)

Candidate B: Which of these devices do you use most? (20 seconds)

These two pictures/situations are similar because/in that…
One similarity between these two pictures/situations is that…
Another similarity might be that…
One thing that these two pictures/situations have in common is that…
The most obvious similarity is that…

One of the most obvious differences (between these two pictures) is that…
Another difference is that…
What makes these two situations (so/completely) different is…
While the first picture …, the second one…
The first picture… whereas the second one…
is not (nearly/ quite) as… as…



Candidate A

1 Why are these forms of technology important to people? **(1 min)**

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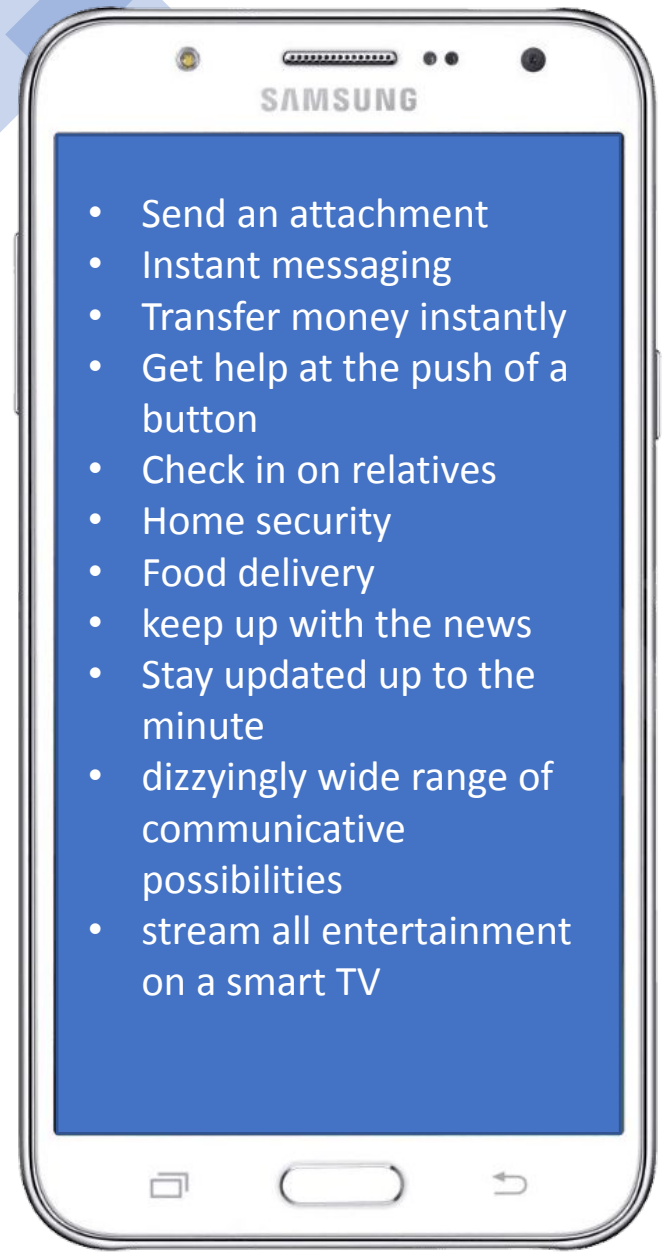
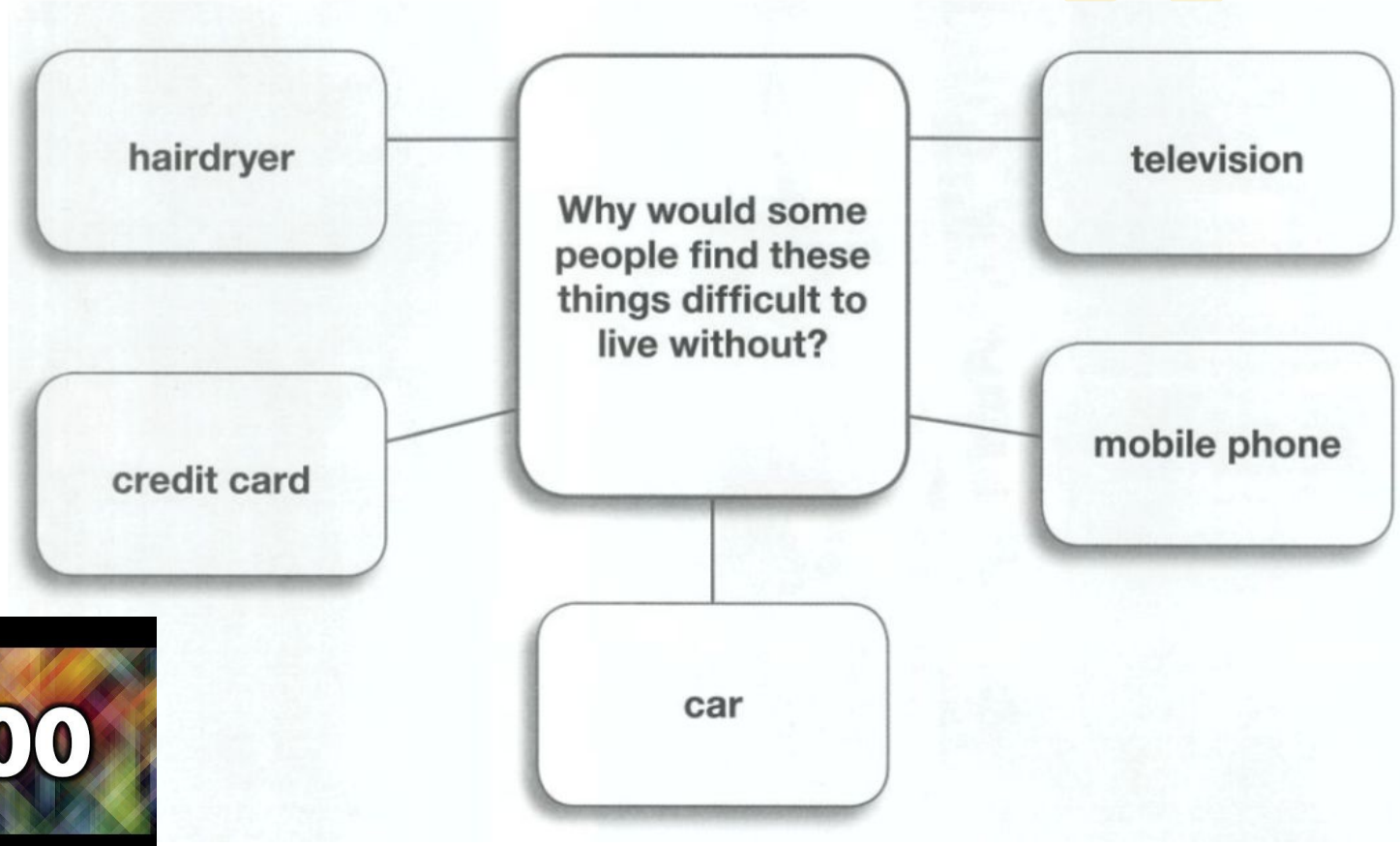
Candidate B, which of these things could society more easily do without? (30 sec)

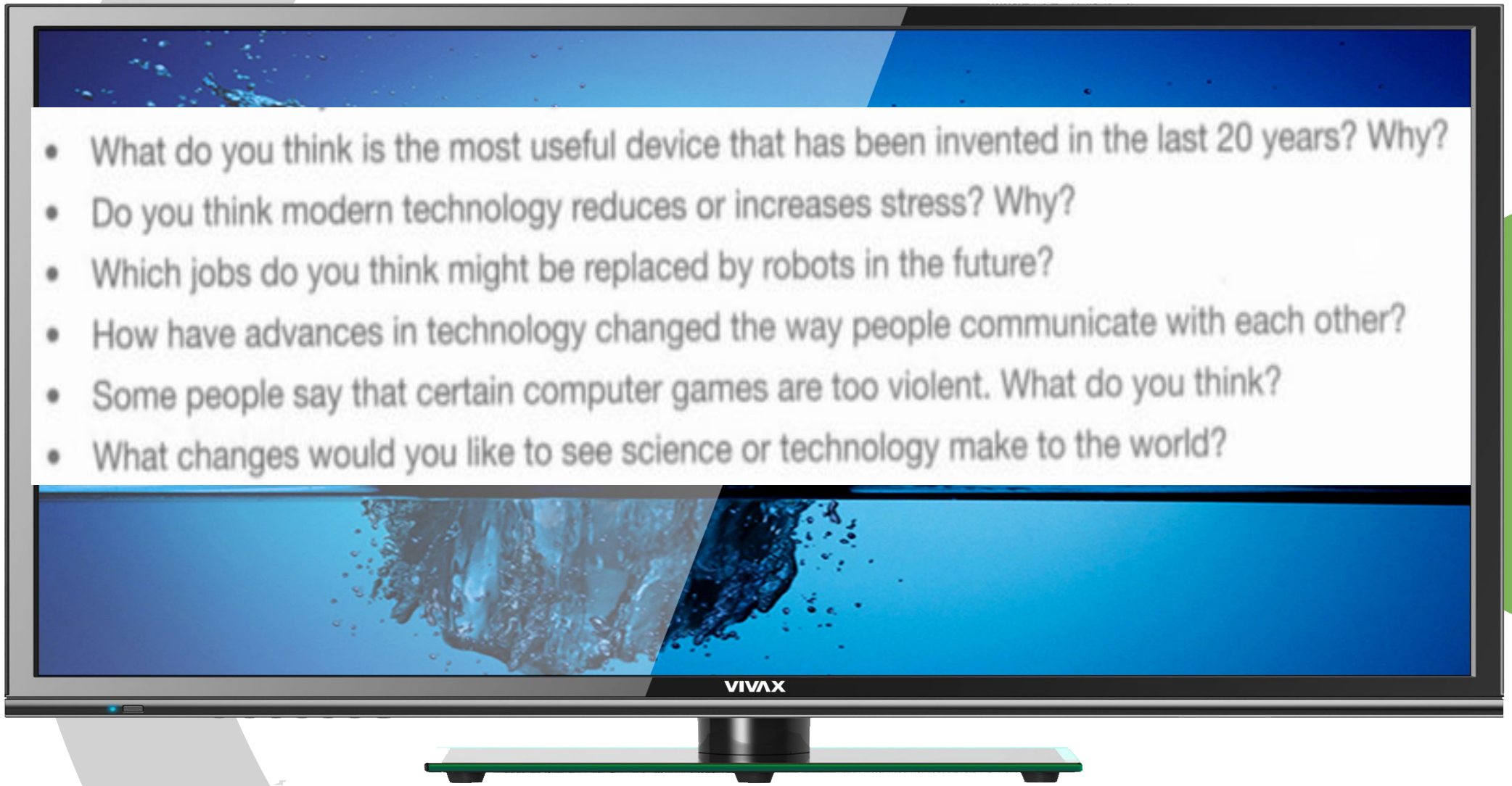


Now, talk to each other about **why some people think these things would be difficult to live without.**

2 min



Interlocutor: Thank you. Now you have a minute to decide **which thing most people would find most difficult to live without.**


What do you think is the most useful device that has been invented in the last 20 years? Why?
Do you think modern technology reduces or increases stress? Why?
Which jobs do you think might be replaced by robots in the future?
How have advances in technology changed the way people communicate with each other?
Some people say that certain computer games are too violent. What do you think?
What changes would you like to see science or technology make to the world?
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