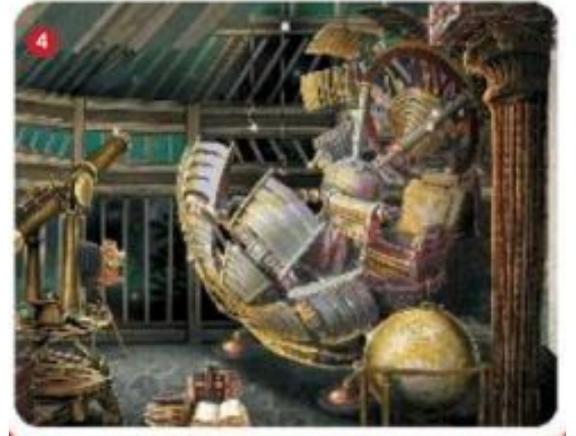


# Technology

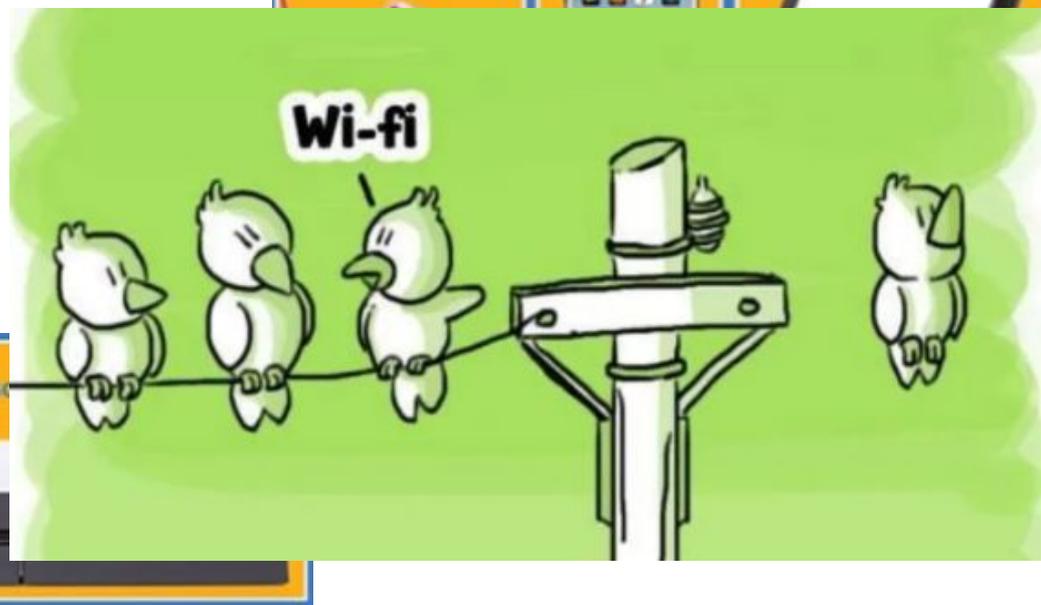
- high tech gadgets
- electronic equipment & problems
- inventions
- temperature
- alternative energy



# Look at the pictures. What does each item do? Which one(s) would you use to:

## High tech gadgets

- 1 record your lessons at school?
- 2 tell the time?
- 3 send a picture message to a friend?
- 4 film a friend's birthday party?
- 5 listen to music?
- 6 send emails?
- 7 keep a record of your spending?
- 8 watch a film?
- 9 look up a friend's address?
- 10 edit your essay on the bus?
- 11 do some Internet research for a project?
- 12 show photos to your friends?
- 13 read a novel in the park?
- 14 find out the latest news?
- 15 play a video game?



# What kinds of high tech gadgets do you own? What do you use them for?

PDA

iPod

Portable  
DVD player

Portable  
speaker

*I've got a smartphone. I mainly use it to call and text my friends, or play games and surf the Net.*

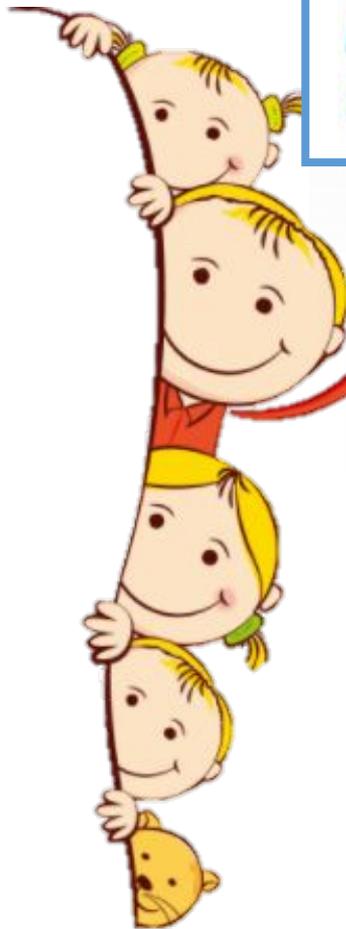
*I've got a smartphone too, which I mainly use to call my parents and let them know where I am.*

PlayStation/  
games console

Ebook reader

MP3 player

A  
smartphone



Before reading learn the new words.

исследование

вести записи,  
дневник

хобби, занятие

быть увлеченным  
ч-л

видеокамера

клиент

устройство

хранить

быть очень  
увлеченным

быть в движении

редактировать

страсть

социальная жизнь

искать

смущенный

само собой  
разумеется

ноутбук

удобный

программное  
обеспечение

фанат техники

свобода



Look at the profiles of the three people in the article. What interests and hobbies do they have? What gadgets do you think they couldn't live without? Listen, read and say.



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**likes: cinema & photography**

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Tina  
Appleby

profiles, current files I'm working on actively, everything I need in the course of a day. My laptop I use at home and at my office; it is almost more of a storage device. I keep all my files backed up on there, and create documents of course because of the comfortable keyboard.

Apart from work, I've always had a passion for photography, so my absolute favourite gadget at the moment is my new digital video camera. I'm having so much fun learning to make my own short films. I edit them using software on my laptop. It's a great pastime.

it, but there is one other device I couldn't live without, though. I'm totally hooked on my PlayStation 4.

I know I'm getting a bit old for computer games, but I'm still very keen on it. I can play for hours.

Read the text again. Who (Andy, Tina or Sarah):

- 1 needs a particular gadget for his/her hobby?
- 2 says there is only one device that is really necessary?
- 3 isn't very keen on technology?
- 4 uses a gadget to help with his/her studies?
- 5 would feel disorganised without a particular gadget?
- 6 feels embarrassed about something he/she likes?
- 7 is allowed more freedom because of a gadget?



Sarah  
Tyson



Andy  
Cooper



Tina  
Appleby



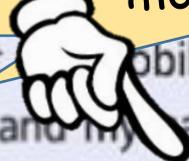
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Sarah Tyson (New Zealand), age 16, high school student, likes: shopping & friends

"I'm not really into computers, gadgets and things like that, but I have to **admit** I really can't imagine life without my iPod®! It's amazing being able to store the whole of your music collection on one tiny **device**. I like to listen to it when walking. Also, I'd find it almost impossible to be without **it**. I just couldn't organise my **social life** without **it**, and my parents **only** allow me to stay out late on Saturday if I keep calling **them**. They want to know where I am. I've just bought a digital camera with my birthday money. It's fantastic. I've taken so many photos of my friends. In fact, I'm even **considering** a career as a photographer."



her mobile phone



her p



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**Andy Cooper (UK), age 19, Physics student, likes: music & video games**

"I'm a complete tech freak, so I really couldn't live without technology, but I can't say there are three things I couldn't live without! That's because my smartphone does everything. I guess no one these days can live without it, but the more up-to-date someone is with the more up-to-date the less they need any other gadget. Mine has got good high-speed mobile broadband, so I use it to access the internet all the time, to review the lecture notes my professors put online, to check up on social networks, or to watch films or listen to music. My hometown is quite far from my university, so on the bus journey it's really handy being able to put on my headphones as a course, my computer is a pretty good quality camera, so that's taken care of, too. I'm a bit ashamed to admit it, but there is one other device I couldn't live without though. I'm totally hooked on my PlayStation 4. I know I'm getting a bit old for computer games, but I'm still very keen on it. I can play for hours.



his mobile phone



the fact that he is hooked on his PlayStation



his PlayStation 4



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her tablet



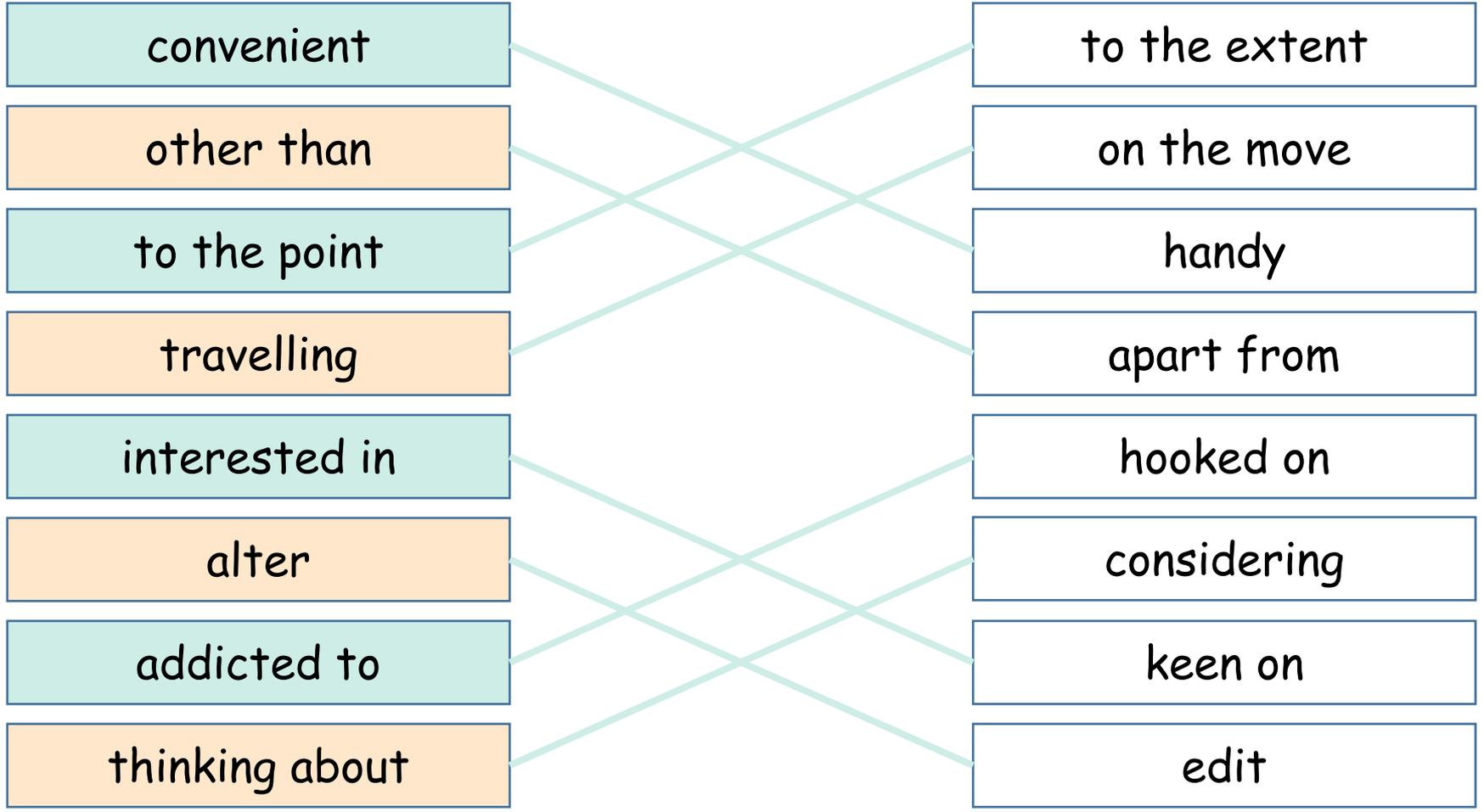
short film



making short films



Match the highlighted words to the words/phrases. Then use each one of the highlighted words in a sentence of your own.



## Complete the sentences.

The traffic is always terrible in August with all the tourists

I was very hungry yesterday,  that I made a huge sandwich for myself when I got home.

playing computer games, I love soccer.

I always  the photographs I take with my digital camera before I show them to people.

I'm  going on holiday to Paris this year.

Sarah lives near our school so it's  for her in the mornings.

Helen is really  tennis.

I'm not very  computers and I prefer reading.

apart from

hooked on

considering

on the move

handy

keen on

to the extent

edit

## Match the words to their meanings.

social life ✓

ashamed ✓

it goes without saying ✓

device ✓

tech freak ✓

backed up ✓

lecture notes ✓

admit ✓

in the course of ✓

clients ✓

broadband ✓



During, throughout the whole thing

to record or measure sth

Work in groups of four. Take the roles of an interviewer and the people in the text. Conduct an interview about their favourite gadgets.



What is your favourite gadget?

What about you?

So do you like playing computer games?

And you? What is your favourite gadget?



Write an article about your favourite gadgets to be published in the school magazine. Write:

- what three things you couldn't live without
- what they do
- why you couldn't live without them.



### My Favourite Gadgets

I can't imagine life without my mobile phone. I am always sending text and picture messages to my friends. Without it I'd feel so alone. I'd also feel lost without my digital camera because I'm very keen on photography. It takes great photographs. I also couldn't live without my MP3 player. I have stored all my music on it and I download new songs all the time. Without it I wouldn't be able to listen to my favourite songs whenever I like.

## Words of Wisdom

Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards.

*(Aldous Huxley, English author)*



Underline the correct words. Then match the speakers to the gadgets they describe.

A Video mobile phone

Eva

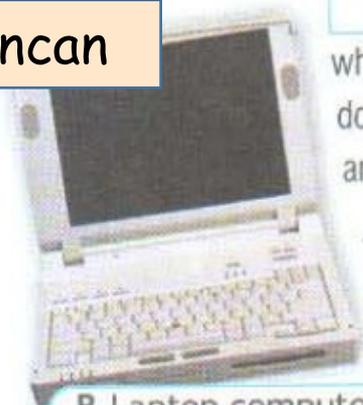
Ann: "It's great. I can 1) store/carry up to 5,000 songs on it and listen to them anywhere and anytime I like. Because it's so small, I can 2) have/carry it around in my pocket. I don't know what I'd do without it!"

Eva: "I can use it to talk to friends, 3) play/send them messages, 4) play/take photos and even videos."

Duncan: "I always 5) send/have it with me wherever I go. It's my mobile office and all the documents and information I need for my business are 6) carried/stored on it. I don't just use it for work though, I use it to 7) save/play games, too."



Duncan



B Laptop computer

Ann



C MP3 player

Workbook

Match the words. Then, complete the phrases to complete the sentences.

1	f	digital	a	freak
2	d	home	b	life
3	b	social	c	recorder
4	a	techno	d	movies
5	g	university	e	collection
6	e	music	f	camera
7	c	voice	g	lecture

- 1 I think that most actors have a very busy .... social life ..
- 2 In the..... university lecture ....., the professor discussed how computer technology affects us.
- 3 My mobile phone has a built in . voice recorder . .
- 4 I have my whole . music collection .. on my iPod.
- 5 My dad used to hate technology, but he loves the . digital camera I bought him for his birthday.
- 6 My younger brother loves new gadgets and computers. He's a real ..... techno freak..... .
- 7 John invited his friends around to his house to look at some.... home movies ..... of his holiday.

Fill in: *keep, burn, consider, choose, store, edit, admit* in the correct form.

- 1 My best friend David is **considering** .. a career in computing.
- 2 She's been using a personal organiser for two years now to ..... **keep** ..... a record of her appointments.
- 3 I wanted some pop music for the party, so John ..... **burnt** ..... some songs onto a CD for me.
- 4 His computer is really old so he can't use it to ..... **edit** ..... his home movies.
- 5 He .... **admitted** .. to having stolen her mobile phone.
- 6 You can .... **store** ..... all sorts of information on a laptop.
- 7 .... **Choosing** .. a mobile phone isn't easy because there are so many to choose from.

## Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 I'm not very keen on/at modern technology. A lot of it is too confusing for me.
- 2 He's hooked with/on computer games. He stays up all night playing them.
- 3 Shhh! I'm trying to listen at/to the radio!
- 4 Sarah is doing research of/on computer technology at university.
- 5 I was so bored with/on the journey. I wish I'd had my MP3 player.
- 6 Is that the digital camera that you won in/on the competition?
- 7 Jane has a very important job with a computer company and is always on/from the move.

Fill in: gadgets, passion, handy, portable.

Do you have a 1) passion for new technology?

Are you looking for a 2) portable DVD player?

Or a 3) handy video camera?

If so, Cahill Electric have all the newest 4) gadgets



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