I think gadgets are great – especially the ones you can see here. And technology is cool! How does technology make a difference to your life at home or at school?

R U a Techno-wizard?

Vocabulary Starter
Technology
1 Label the computer.

cable keyboard monitor mouse plug screen

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

battery desktop laptop signal text messages website

1 A ________ PC is useful at home, but you can take a ________ anywhere!
2 I’ve found a great ________ which shows you all the latest gadgets!
3 How many ________ do you send every day?
4 We went to the countryside last weekend and I couldn’t get a ________ on my mobile.
5 Kelly didn’t charge the ________ on her mobile and now it’s stopped working.

3 Do the quiz and see how much you know about technology!

download unplug surf install press type

The computer quiz!

1 What do you sometimes do to your mobile phone overnight? ________
2 When you chat, text or go on MSN you ________.
3 You do this to a mistake on screen. ________
4 This is how we get songs from the Internet: ________
5 You do this when you put a new program in a computer. ________
6 When you push a button, switch or key, you ________ it.
7 When you send an email, you ________ to the Internet first.
8 You ________ the Internet to find the most interesting information.
9 You do this when you write using the keyboard. ________
10 You sometimes do this to your computer when you go away on holiday. ________

4 Talk about what you can do with a computer.
Reading

1 Quickly read Simon's blog below. Match the photos A–F with the daily entries. Some photos match more than one entry.

Simon, the gadget-geek:

Hi there again! Here goes with my weekly blog, and I look forward to reading your comments!

Monday
I spent the evening surfing the Internet on the desktop PC in the living room. What was I looking for? That's just what I need to go on the desk in my bedroom instead of a big monitor. I've found one with a nice screen and a keyboard that isn't too small. The question is – will I have saved up enough money to get it by Christmas?

Tuesday
My sister Becky is mad about her MP3 player. She'll probably get married to it one day – but I certainly won’t! She drove me up the wall with her music all day long. So when Poppy rang later, I got irritated over something stupid and she hung up on me! How annoying! Anyway, I’m going to write an email in a minute and apologise.

Wednesday
I had a bad start to the day when I dropped my digital camera and it broke. Luckily, I’m getting an underwater camera for my birthday but I’ve still got to make a decision which camera to buy! You see, I’ll be using it when I go scuba diving next month so I don’t want to make a mistake.

Thursday
We had fun on Thursday! I was installing a new program onto the PC when suddenly our Labrador puppy, Red, started running energetically around the living room. First, he played with the computer cable. I was charging it again! But shall I tell you a secret? My next mobile will have a bigger and better battery and Red will stay in the kitchen from now on!

Friday
I had a great evening on my Nintendo Wii – I’m making an effort to get fit. My friend Max came round to play against me. I made a few mistakes there, but never mind! I think I’ll start practising hard from tomorrow and in a few weeks' time, I’ll have learnt all there is to know about Wii sports. Then I’ll be the winner!

Weekend
Don’t get rid of any old gadgets – they’ll come in handy again one day! On Saturday I played some online games on Xbox Live. I was competing against players from all over the world! Families are good fun – sometimes! By the way, my new computer course starts tomorrow. I know it’s going to be interesting so watch this space!
My favourite gadget is my mobile. I love sending text messages and taking photos with it. Which is your favourite and why? Do a class survey and find out other people’s favourite gadgets.

Check that the sentence you choose fits the gap in the text. Look carefully at the text before and after the gap.

Now read the blog again. Use the sentences A–H to complete the text. There are two extra sentences you don’t need.

A I want to get a mobile that takes really good photos.
B He won all the tennis matches.
C I tried to ring back, but I couldn’t get a signal.
D My parents think I spend too much time on the computer.
E The laptop of my dreams, of course!
F Then he bit my mobile phone!
G I also played on Xbox 360 with my sister and my mum.
H I want one that is waterproof down to three metres.

Match the underlined words or phrases in the text with their meanings.

1 instructions for a computer
2 opinions that you write or say
3 connected to the Internet
4 say sorry
5 trying to win a game
6 it takes photos but doesn’t use film

More soon … Watch this space.

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Vocabulary

Word formation: adverbs from adjectives

1 Complete the adverbs table using the adjectives in the box.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>-ly</th>
<th>(y) -ly</th>
<th>-ally</th>
<th>no change</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>badly</td>
<td>happily</td>
<td>automatically</td>
<td>fast</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2 Now complete the sentences with an adverb from the table.

1 It’s a good idea to arrive ________ for the exam.
2 Karen tries ________ but she doesn’t understand computers.
3 Press ‘Enter’ and a new page will ________ open on the screen. You don’t have to press anything else.
4 How ________ can you type? I’m really slow!
5 That’s a fantastic camera!’ Jake said ________ .

Adverbs with two forms

3 Choose the correct word and complete the sentences.

1 late / lately
   A I haven’t seen much of you ________ .
   B We were ________ for school today.
2 hard / hardly
   A Thomas worked ________ on his computer project.
   B I ________ have time to go on MSN these days – we have so much homework!
3 near / nearly
   A I ________ won the game, but not quite.
   B Don’t walk too ________ the river – it’s slippery!

Collocations: phrases with make

4 Rewrite the parts of the sentences in bold using a phrase with make.

- a (phone) call (to) a decision (about) a fortune a mistake a suggestion an effort

1 I’m going to try hard to save up some money this year!
2 Have you decided what mobile phone you’re getting?
3 When you ring someone on the same network, it’s free.
4 I gave him an idea about what music we could listen to, but he didn’t agree.
5 Mattie did something wrong on the computer and deleted all Tom’s work!
6 Some people have got rich from online businesses.

Word patterns: verb phrases and prepositions

5 Complete the phrases with in, of or to.

Then use them to complete the advert below.

1 come _______ handy
2 get rid _______ 
3 keep _______ touch
4 look forward _______
5 take advantage _______

OLD GADGET SALE!

Don’t miss our grand gadget SALE on Saturday, November 1st at the Town Hall. Sell what you don’t want and buy something different!

If you want to 1 __________________ your old gadgets and 2 __________________ our special offers, then this is the place to be! We’re sure that everything you buy will 3 __________________ , either for yourself or as a super gift for a friend.

Meet other cool customers at our Internet café. There’s no better way to 4 __________________ with your friends!

We 5 __________________ seeing you there!

Phrasal verbs: on the phone

6 Match the phrasal verbs in bold with their definitions.

1 I hate it when I get cut off in the middle of an important phone call!
2 I can’t get through to Emma. Do you think she has switched her phone off?
3 I always have to ring my friends back because they’ve run out of money for their phones!
4 I asked Tim to hold on while I turned the TV down and he hung up!

- a phone or communicate with someone
- lose a telephone connection
- phone a person again
- stopped a phone call (because you were angry)
- pressed a button to stop something working
- used all of something
- wait (while you’re on the phone)
Grammar The future

1 Read the grammar notes and complete the gaps.

- future plans and intentions
- predictions
- offers, promises, requests
- timetables

Future simple (will/shall)

- ________
  She’ll probably get married to it one day!
- decisions made at the moment of speaking
  I think I’ll start practising hard from tomorrow.
- ________
  Shall I tell you a secret?

Future perfect

- events finished by a point of time in the future
  Will I have saved up enough money by Christmas?

Future continuous

- events in progress at a point of time in the future
  I’ll be using it when I go scuba diving next month.

going to

- ________
  I’m going to write an email in a minute.
- predictions based on present circumstances
  I know it’s going to be interesting so watch this space.

Present continuous (future meaning)

- future arrangements
  I’m getting an underwater camera for my birthday.

Present simple (future meaning)

- ________
  My new computer course starts tomorrow.

Check your grammar in the Grammar File on page 165.

2 Circle the correct option.

1 A What do you do / are you doing this evening, Phil?
   B I’ll watch / I’m going to watch the football match.
2 A I think I’ll buy / I’m buying a flip-top mobile next time.
   B That’s a good idea.
3 A The children are losing / will have lost interest in this computer game by this evening.
   B OK, am I going to get / shall I get dinner ready then?

3 Complete the article with the Future simple, Future perfect or Future continuous.

Scientists predict that mobile phones 1 (be) even more important in the future. In ten years’ time, they say that we 2 (use) intelligent phones which behave like mini robots! Size is very important, so in the future, technology experts 3 (experiment) to find ways of making mobiles that are smaller and cheaper. By the year 2015, mobile phone companies 4 (develop) bendy phones that change shape and size!

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

It 1 ____________ (rain) in a minute!

I 2 ____________ (have) coffee and toast, please, Robbie.

Don’t make any plans for this evening Robbie! We 3 ____________ (make) my new Super Gadget and the world will change!

By nine o’clock this evening I 4 ____________ (make) my new Super Gadget and the world will change!

5 Are you going to do anything special this weekend? Write about three things you’re planning to do.

Logged in

My Blog

More practice on page 137.
Listening

1. Who is Bill Gates and what did he do? Look at the words below to help you.
   - computers
   - Microsoft
   - Windows

2. Listen to an interview about Bill Gates and choose the correct answers below.

   1. Bill Gates first showed a lot of interest in computers
      A. after starting Microsoft.
      B. when he was a schoolboy.
      C. when he was at university.

   2. When did he start Microsoft?
      A. in 1990
      B. while he was still at university
      C. after university

   3. At the moment, Bill Gates is using his fortune to
      A. enjoy himself.
      B. make more computers.
      C. help people who have very little.

   4. The books he wrote were about
      A. computers.
      B. farming.
      C. making money.

   5. What does Bill Gates say about the future of technology?
      A. Computers are going to become less important.
      B. He doesn’t really like the idea of robots.
      C. Creating robots is difficult.

3. Now listen to an interview about smart homes and fill in the missing information. Write no more than two words in each gap.

**Smart Home Exhibition**

Come and find out all you ever wanted to know about the smart homes of the future!

What are smart homes? Well, they’re houses that will have ___________ inside the wall so that we’ll be able to communicate with them! For example, you’ll tell the house what to do by sending ___________ from your ___________. If you’re worried about your house when you’re not there, it can send you images from the hidden ___________ in the walls. It can even make a ___________ and order your favourite pizza!

The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily at the One World Exhibition Centre, _____________________________.

Cost of entrance: free to school children and students. Adults: _____________________________.

Find out more on the ___________ as advertised at the back of this magazine.
Speaking

1 What can you see in the picture? What do you think is going to happen next?

2 Imagine you would like to buy a mobile phone. You are going to ask the shop assistant for information. Which of the features below do you want to ask about?

- battery life
- digital camera
- ringtones
- connect to the Internet
- listen to music
- price

3 Now role-play the conversation with a partner. One student will be the shop assistant, and the other a customer. Use the Language Upload to help you.

Start your roleplay as below:

**Shop assistant:** Hello. Can I help you?
**Customer:** Oh yes, please. Could you …?

**Speaking Tip**

Listen carefully to your partner’s questions so that you can reply correctly.

Language Upload

**Describing a photograph**

This photograph shows …
I can see …
The people are …

**Saying what is going to happen next**

I think they are going to …
They will probably …

**Asking for information**

Could you give me some information about …?
How long does the battery last?
Has it got a digital camera?
Can I download music onto it?

**Asking for permission**

Is it OK if I …?
Do you mind if I …?
Could I see that one over there?
Writing

1. Think of three ways in which computers help us to communicate.

2. Read the writing task. Where will the article be published?

You have seen this announcement in Technology magazine:

Fantastic computers!

What do you think is great about computers? How do you see computers in the future? Send us your ideas and we’ll publish the best articles in our special Tech For The Future edition next month.

3. Read Carrie’s model article.

- What does Carrie use her computer for?
- What does she think will disappear in the future?

Computers – a fantastic new world!

Do you know why I like computers so much? It’s because they open up a whole new world! All you have to do is 1) a key on the keyboard and you can do so many interesting things! I 2) the computer in order to connect to the Internet and keep in touch with my friends. I also 3) music and I sometimes 4) films. I can even 5) the Internet and find information from websites or online encyclopedias so that my school projects are fantastic!

In the future, I think that computers will be everywhere. They’ll be in our cars, in our homes and they’ll probably be in our schools, too, as robots! Perhaps in the future, we won’t 6) teachers anymore! Computers connect us to people all over the world and help us learn.

4. Now complete the article with the missing verbs.

download need press surf use watch

5. Complete Carrie’s plan for her article.

Writing Plan

- Paragraph 1: start with an exciting introduction
- Computers open up a new _________.
- keep in ________ with friends,
- ________ music, watch films
- ________ the Internet for information

- Paragraph 2: say why I like computers
- computers will be in _________, homes and _________.

- Paragraph 3: talk about computers in the future
- ________ us to _________
- help us learn

- Paragraph 4: conclude with a final statement or question
- ________
We’re going to buy a laptop in order to have two computers in the house. I’ll switch my mobile phone off now so that the battery doesn’t run out.

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I'll switch my mobile phone off now so that the battery doesn’t run out.

6 Find connecting words in Carrie’s article.

7 Circle the correct option.

1 In order to / So that save money, I’m going to stop buying magazines.
2 He gave me his mobile in order to / so that I could make a call.
3 I’m going to download some information about the future of technology in order to / so that I can do my project for school.
4 I’m deleting text messages on my phone in order to / so that make more space.

8 Complete the sentences in your own words.

1 I’m doing an online Spanish course in order to …
2 She downloaded the TV series so that we could …
3 Dad bought me a laptop so that I …
4 Sometimes I have to use my mobile outside the house in order to …

9 Look back at Carrie’s article and complete the Memory Flash lists.

10 Read the homework task. Then tick the phrases below which might be useful.

You have seen this advertisement on the school noticeboard:

Marvellous mobiles!
Tell us what you think about mobile phones – are they good or bad? How do you think they will change in the future? We will publish the best articles in our school magazine competition next month. A prize for the winner!

Mobile phones:
• useful for keeping in touch
• great for taking photos/videos
• can listen to music/download films
• text or phone in an emergency
• use them as alarm clock
• may be dangerous if use them too much
• should not talk on them for hours
• can become a (bad) habit

Mobile phones in the future:
• will be ‘smarter’
• will be very important part of our lives
• will be smaller?

11 Make a plan for the homework task. Then write your article.

Writing Tip
Articles should be enjoyable to read. Remember to give your article an interesting title!

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Expressing opinions
Do you know ________ I like …?
It’s because … I think …

Making statements
All you have to do is …
You can do so many ________.

Giving examples
I ________ the computer in order to …
They’ll be in our cars so that …

Making predictions
In the ________ , they’ll be …
Perhaps we won’t …
They’ll probably be …
Vocabulary

1. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.
   - digital download install
   - keyboard laptop signal

   1. Which button on the ________ do I press to save my work?
   2. I don’t buy CDs anymore – I ________ songs from iTunes®.
   3. A ________ comes in handy when you’re travelling.
   4. It’s important to ________ a good anti-virus program on your PC.
   5. Oh no, I can’t make a call – I haven’t got a ________!
   6. My brother’s favourite gadget is his ________ camera.

2. Change the adjectives to adverbs and complete the sentences.
   - bad enthusiastic fast lucky near

   1. She started the project very ________, but then she got bored with it.
   2. ________, you finished your homework early tonight so you can go out!
   3. You ________, deleted all my work. Be careful!
   4. Wow! You type really ________. Do you use the computer a lot?
   5. Sara did very ________ in her summer exams. She’ll have to take them again.

3. Choose the correct answer.
   1. Do you mind if I ________ a suggestion?
      A. do B. make C. say D. tell
   2. The cinema asks people to switch ________ their mobiles before the film starts.
      A. off B. out C. down D. away
   3. ‘Robert, will you stop shouting at me or I’ll hang ________.’
      A. on B. out C. around D. up
   4. How are you going to make ________ to Jake if your phone isn’t working?
      A. a call B. a chat C. a conversation D. a message
   5. An underwater camera will come ________ very handy on holiday this summer!
      A. along B. on C. in D. by

Grammar

4. Circle the correct option.

   Well, I’m sure you ‘won’t believe / aren’t believing this but I’ll go / I’m going off in a time machine tomorrow! ‘I’ll be travelling / travel fifty years into the future and then eighty years into the past. By the time I see you again, I ‘m going to learn / I’ll have learnt all the answers to your questions about the future! I don’t think I’ll like / I’ll like life in the past because they ‘won’t have / won’t be having any mobile phones! The time machine arrives / will have arrived back here next Friday. ‘Will you be waiting / Are you waiting for me?

5. Complete the sentences with the Future simple, Future perfect or Future continuous.

   1. Sam says he ________ (not buy) a desktop. He wants a laptop instead.
   2. ________ (you/help) me download this program, please?
   3. ‘_______ (Amy/study) here next year?’ ‘No, she ________ (be) back in Australia by then.’
   4. Tamsin ________ (have) her iPod for five years by Christmas. ________ (we/get) her a new one?
   5. ‘How does this computer game work?’ ‘Come here, I ________ (show) you.’
   6. You can’t use the computer because I ________ (use) it all evening to finish some homework.

6. Read the sentences and tick (✓) the correct answer. There may be more than one correct answer.

   1. Why ______ a new mobile phone tomorrow? This one’s fine.
      A. are you going to buy ✓
      B. are you buying
      C. do you buy
   2. They ______ the six o’clock train on Saturday.
      A. are going to catch ✓
      B. are catching
      C. catch
   3. Be careful! Your laptop ______ off your desk, Mary!
      A. is going to fall ✓
      B. falls
      C. is falling
   4. ______ Wii or Xbox next?
      A. Will we have played ✓
      B. Are we playing
      C. Shall we play

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15/10/10   14:28:21
1. What was the name of the farm in Unit 1?
   A. John’s Farm
   B. Jane’s Farm
   C. Jamie’s Farm

2. Who wants to rule the world?
   A. Max Manic
   B. Main Maniac
   C. Mega Maniac

3. Who has to go to hospital?
   A. Molly
   B. Adam
   C. Jordan

4. Where did Kirsty go last summer?
   A. Eilean Donan Castle
   B. Balmoral Castle
   C. Edinburgh Castle

5. What did Mega Maniac try to steal?
   A. Adam’s palmtop
   B. Adam’s TV
   C. Jordan’s palmtop

6. What’s Jordan’s favourite gadget?
   A. his iPod
   B. his mobile
   C. his laptop

7. How was Mega Maniac controlling people?
   A. through television
   B. through robots
   C. through a computer virus

8. What’s the name of Mega Maniac’s dog?
   A. Woof
   B. Bark
   C. Butch

9. How do Mega Maniac and his dog get away from the hospital?
   A. by helicopter
   B. on foot
   C. by car

10. What did Adam do in the end?
    A. He got rid of the virus.
    B. He attacked Mega Maniac.
    C. He bought a new palmtop.

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    C. Jamie’s Farm

12. What animals did the children look after at school?
    A. goats
    B. horses
    C. sheep

13. Where is Eilean Donan Castle?
    A. by the sea
    B. by a river
    C. by a lake

14. Which is true about Eilean Donan Castle?
    A. People fight a lot near there.
    B. No one lives there.
    C. Visitors can go around it.

15. Which film was Eilean Donan Castle in?
    A. The World is not Enough
    B. The Headless Soldier
    C. The MacRaes Return

16. OceanSpeed1 is a
    A. lighthouse.
    B. yacht.
    C. houseboat.

17. Where is Lake Como?
    A. Italy
    B. Switzerland
    C. India

18. Who started the company Microsoft?
    A. Melinda Gates
    B. Bill Gates
    C. Mary Grant

19. When was the first Windows program used?
    A. 1919
    B. 1990
    C. 1999

20. What are the new types of homes called?
    A. Smooth Homes
    B. Cool Homes
    C. Smart Homes
Say three stative verbs.

Say the opposite of organised.

Say a sentence in the Present continuous. Go back two squares.

Say three adjectives to describe a person’s character.

Say four different homes.

Say a sentence in the Future continuous. Go back to square 10.

Say five computer words.

Say four parts of a castle or building.

Say a sentence using used to.

Say a sentence with shall.

Say three phrasal verbs about phoning.

You’ve won!!