



ENGLISH

Chapter 5 Session B

2nd
SECONDARY

HOUSE AND HOME
Simple Past




 **SACO OLIVEROS**

Gadgets

- 1 Match pictures 1-6 with the words in the box. Mark an X next to the words that are not in the pictures.

camera ☐ dishwasher ☐
 electric toothbrush ☐ fridge ☐ laptop ☐
 microwave ☐ mp3 player ☐
 remote control ☐ telephone ☐
 washing machine ☐


- 2  25 Listen and repeat.



3 Complete the sentences using words from activity 1.

- a** A _____ cleans clothes.
- b** You use a _____ to change channels on the TV.
- c** A _____ is a portable computer.
- d** You use a _____ to take photos.
- e** You use a _____ to heat or cook food.

- 4 Look at the words in activity 1 again.
Which gadgets are the most useful?

- 5  **INTERFACE** Work in pairs. Compare
your lists of useful gadgets.

What do you think of the remote control?

I think it's very useful!



1



Skim the text and listen. Who invented the modern toothbrush?



SCHOLARPEDIA

the peer-reviewed
open-access
encyclopedia

[Main page](#)

[About](#)

[Propose a new
article](#)

[Instructions for
authors](#)

[Random article](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Help](#)

[Blog](#)

Useful Gadgets: The Toothbrush

Toothbrushes existed thousands of years ago in Egypt, but they were very different. There wasn't any plastic or nylon, so the ancient Egyptians collected pieces of wood from trees and used them to brush their teeth. The modern toothbrush appeared in the 15th century. First, the Chinese invented brushes with hair from pigs, then Europeans copied this idea but with horse hair. In 1935, the chemist Wallace Carothers invented nylon, and the first nylon toothbrushes arrived in Europe from the USA in 1938. Switzerland produced an experimental electric toothbrush in 1939, but there weren't any electric toothbrushes in stores until the 1960s. Modern electric toothbrushes appeared in 1987. So, when you brush your teeth, think about this question: do you prefer your toothbrush, a piece of wood or pig's hair? A difficult question?



2 The text is:

- a an online wiki encyclopedia about inventions.
- b a blog post about inventions.

3 Read the text again and choose the correct words.

- a** There **were** / **weren't** toothbrushes thousands of years ago.
- b** The first toothbrush **was** / **wasn't** made of plastic and nylon.
- c** There **were** / **weren't** modern toothbrushes in the 15th century.
- d** There **were** / **weren't** nylon toothbrushes in Europe before 1938.
- e** There **were** / **weren't** electric toothbrushes in stores in 1939.



there was / there were

- 1** Read the sentences below and circle the nouns that come after *there was*, *there wasn't*, *there were* and *there weren't*.
 - a** There wasn't plastic or nylon thousands of years ago.
 - b** There was a toothbrush which was made of wood in ancient Egypt.
 - c** There weren't electric toothbrushes in stores until the 1960s.
 - d** There were brushes with hair from pigs in the 15th century.

- 2** Complete the rules for the use of *there was* and *there were*. Use the words in the box.

existed in the plural
in the singular uncountable

- a** After *there was* and *there wasn't*, use a countable noun _____ or an _____ noun.
- b** After *there were* and *there weren't*, use a countable noun _____.
- c** *There was* and *There were* are used to indicate that something _____.

- 3 Read the text about the invention of the telephone. Complete it with *there was*, *there wasn't*, *there were* or *there weren't*.



At the beginning of the 1800s,
a _____ a very successful
communication system: the telegraph.

However, b _____ the
possibility of sending and receiving
more than one message at a time.

Around 1870, c _____
a man who noted the possibility of
transmitting more than one message along the same wire at
one time: Alexander Graham Bell.

d _____ lots of attempts and e _____
many people who believed it could be possible, but, finally,
on March 10th, 1876, the first telephone call was a success.

- 4 Underline the correct forms of *there was* / *there were* in the questions and answers provided.

Was there / There was a successful communication system at the beginning of the 1800s?

Yes, **there were** / **there was**.

- a **Was there / There was** the possibility of sending and receiving more than one message at a time?

Yes, **there were** / **there was**.

- b **Were there / Was there** a lot of attempts?

Yes, there were. / **No, there wasn't.**

- c **Was there / Were there** a prestigious man who invented the telephone?

No, there wasn't. / **Yes, there was.**

^{+B} A c VOCABULARY 2

1 Look at the pictures and complete the crossword.

Down

1 (and **3** Across)



Across **3** See **1** down.

2 and **4**

6

9

5

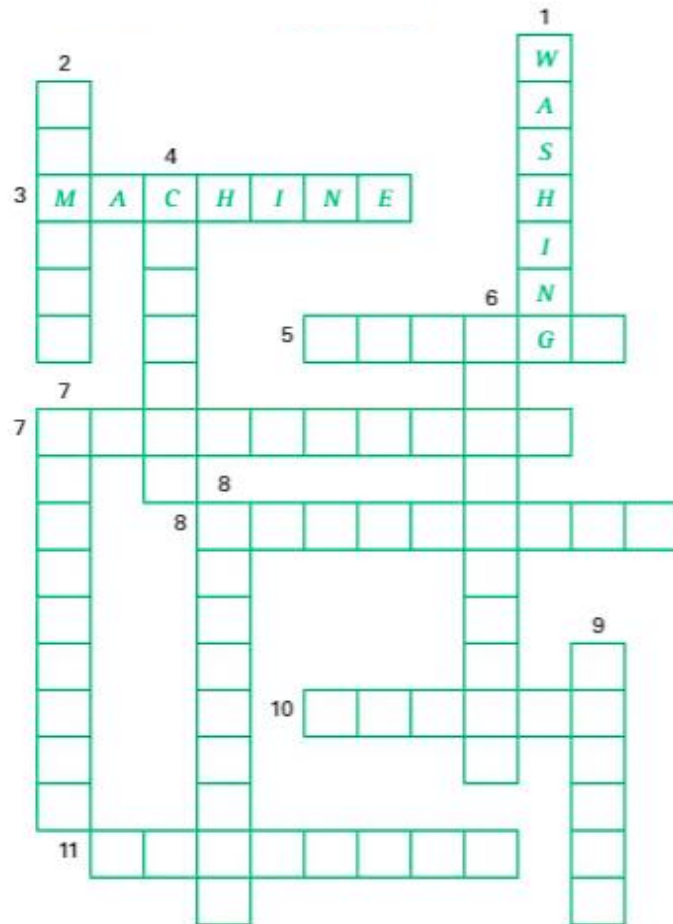
7 and **11**



10



8



2 Write the name of the gadget you use to do these things.

clean clothes washing machine

a take photos _____

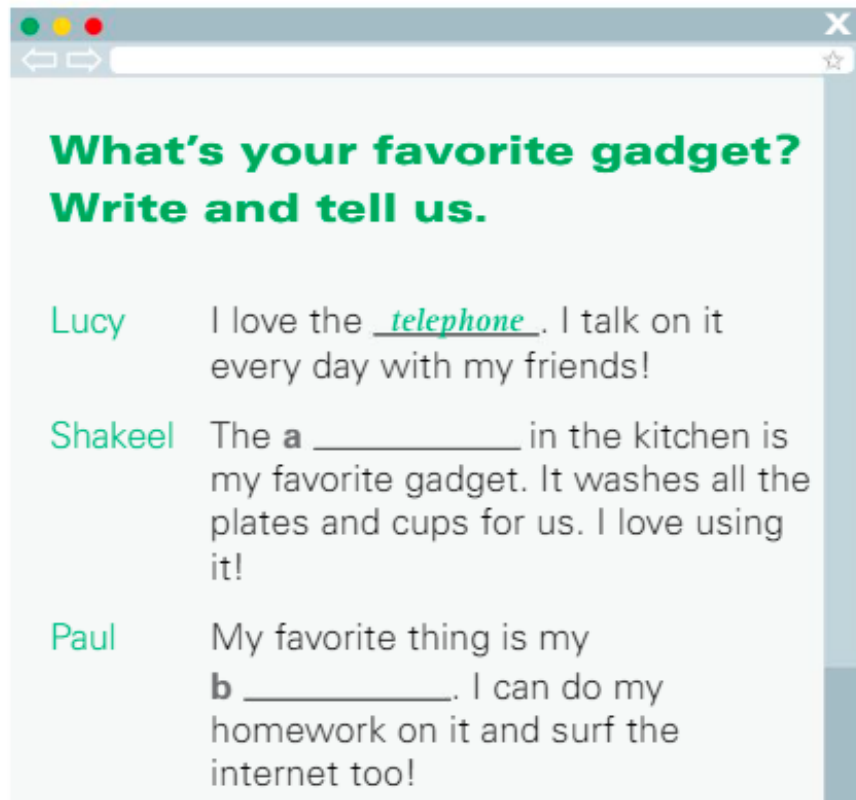
b change channels _____

c cook food _____

d surf the internet _____

e listen to music _____

- 3 Complete the messages with the name of a gadget.



A screenshot of a web browser window. The browser has a grey title bar with three colored window control buttons (green, yellow, red) on the left and a close button (X) on the right. Below the title bar is a white address bar with a back arrow, a forward arrow, and a star icon. The main content area has a light blue background and contains the following text:

**What's your favorite gadget?
Write and tell us.**

Lucy I love the telephone. I talk on it every day with my friends!

Shakeel The **a** _____ in the kitchen is my favorite gadget. It washes all the plates and cups for us. I love using it!

Paul My favorite thing is my **b** _____. I can do my homework on it and surf the internet too!

Kayley I love the **c** _____ in our kitchen. I can cook food fast in it. It's useful because I'm always very hungry when I get home from school.

Justine I have a new electric **d** _____. I use it in the bathroom every morning and evening. It's fun!

Morgan I think the **e** _____ is a really good gadget. I can sit on the sofa and change TV channels with it. It's great!

Olly My **f** _____ is my favorite thing. I take photos with it all the time.

4 Complete the sentences for you.

- a** My favorite gadget is _____.
- b** I think _____ is a really useful gadget.
- c** I also love using _____ because
_____.