



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 2 Session B

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SECONDARY

**TECHNOLOGY**  
Simple Past & Past Continuous Review



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## Singapore: Planning to Be the Next Tech Hub



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Singapore, a city-state, is a multi-racial and multi-cultural island country with ethnic Indians, Chinese and Malays who are working hard to become Asia's next economic model. Under the leadership of its founder and 'Minister Mentor' Lee Kuan Yew, 45 year-old Singapore continues to be an icon of economic growth and political stability.

Singapore is identifying key sectors where it can join technology with the great market opportunities of Asia: biomedicine, clean-tech and digital media.

As to biomedicine, what Singapore has in mind is to focus on nano-medicine to try to detect cancer at its early stages, to offer computerized medical devices to help the recovery of stroke patients and provide the sustainable manufacturing of synthesized drugs. Singaporeans have an outstanding health service and the result is the lowest infant-mortality rate in the world and high life expectancy: 80 years of age for males and 85 for females.

Clean technology is also a target: water desalination, electric vehicles and hybrid buses are part of the project.

Artificial intelligence is also receiving investment.

Singapore is totally connected, globally aware and ready for more. Singaporeans are not afraid of taking strategic risks to reinvent their economy. The growth rate in this tiny city reached 18% – the highest in the world – making Singapore's dream come true.



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Read and listen. Then correct the sentences below.

- a** Singapore used to be Asia's economic model, but it is not anymore.

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- b** Singapore identified two strategic sectors where it can join technology with market opportunities in Asia.

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**c** In biomedicine, Singaporeans just want to focus on nano-medicine to try to detect cancer at its early stages.

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**d** Singaporeans have the highest infant-mortality rate in the world.

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- e** Water desalination, electric vehicles and hybrid buses are part of the artificial intelligence project.

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- f** Singaporeans don't like to take risks to reinvent their economy.

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**2** Can you list positive and negative impacts of technology on society?

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**3** Has technology influenced any sector in your country? Which sector(s)? How?

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## Jobs

- 1  10 Match pictures 1-6 with some of the jobs in the box. Then listen and repeat.

artist ☐ construction worker ☐  
 doctor ☐ fireman ☐ inspector ☐  
 journalist ☐ lawyer ☐  
 policewoman ☐ politician ☐  
 mailman ☐ researcher ☐  
 scientist ☐ technician ☐





**2** Complete the sentences with jobs in activity 1.

- a** A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who treats people who are ill.
- b** A \_\_\_\_\_ uses special equipment or machines.
- c** A \_\_\_\_\_ collects and delivers letters and packages.
- d** Picasso was an \_\_\_\_\_. He painted many pictures.
- e** A \_\_\_\_\_ collects information and does studies.
- f** A \_\_\_\_\_ has a job in politics.

- 3** Put the jobs in activity 1 into five groups.  
Add one or two more jobs to each group.

-man	-er	-or
<i>fireman</i>	<i>lawyer</i>	<i>doctor</i>

-ist	-ian
<i>journalist</i>	<i>politician</i>

# Jobs

1 Match the jobs with the pictures.

- a ☒ 5 construction worker
- b ☐ scientist
- c ☐ mailman
- d ☐ doctor
- e ☐ fireman
- f ☐ policewoman
- g ☐ lawyer
- h ☐ artist



**2** Match the word beginnings and endings to make jobs.

**a** journal

☐

ian

**b** politic

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er

**c** research

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ist

**d** techni

☐

cian

**3** Read what the people say and write their jobs.

Open your mouth please. I need to check your throat.

doctor

**a** Someone dropped a cigarette and that's how the fire started. We managed to put it out and luckily nobody died.

**b** The police say he did it. He says he didn't do it. I'm speaking for him in court.

**c** I did these paintings ten years ago. It was my blue period and, as you can see, the main color in all of them is blue.

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**d** We're asking a million cell phone users to answer these questions. We want to find out: are cell phones bad for us?

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**e** In our laboratory we're trying to make new kinds of sunscreen.

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**f** I'm arresting you on suspicion of robbery.

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