

## A. VOCABULARY:

While doing the following activities, remember that every time you come across some unknown vocabulary you should look it up online or in a dictionary. And always make sure that at the end of your work you draw a list of the 15 most important terms to be remembered according to you and try to learn them. Remember that enriching your vocabulary is essential to improve both your writing and speaking skills.

## B. LISTENING PRACTICE:

To learn more about the topic, choose and watch two or three of the following **YouTube** videos and take notes about what you learn and what comments or reflections they inspire you. For one of them at least, write a ~150 word paragraph giving your opinion about what you learnt.



- Explaining 'transhumanism' and its attempts to create real-life superhumans | Your Morning  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdvssGtNZ8Q>

- DIY Biohacking: Do(n't) Try This at Home  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fV-Edkh1iqE>



- Why 'upgrading' humanity is a transhumanist myth | Douglas Rushkoff | Big Think  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQzJlpADNMo>

- Meet the Biohackers - BBC News  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWvUs8el8-A>



- Biohacking: Why I'll live to be 180 years old | Dave Asprey | Big Think  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qJPf5O9kxc>

- Biohacker Explains Why He Turned His Leg Into a Hotspot | WIRED  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjUxmezRHhU>



## C. READING PRACTICE:

1) Do some research online about these two persons:

- Aaron Traywick
- Josiah Zayner [ you may add 'COVID 19' to his name in the search bar]

Select and read a few press articles that you deem interesting and take notes about what you learn. Note any reflection or personal comment that come to your mind while doing so.

[make sure that you browse English language media only!]

2) You might also read a few articles among the following :

[When will we all be cyborgs?](#)

[A biohacker implanted over 50 chips, magnets, and antennae in their body to become 'posthuman'](#)

[Brain Chip and Implants: Transhumanism, Ethical Issues and What is Needed for This Idea to Become a Reality](#)

[Transhumanism: A Dangerous Two-Way Street](#)

[Elon Musk's brain chip firm Neuralink lines up clinical trials in humans](#)

[Elon Musk said Neuralink hopes to start implanting its brain chips in humans in 2022, later than he anticipated](#)

3) And if you're curious about Elon Musk's Neuralink, browse the company's website at <https://neuralink.com/> and answer the question in the related Word document available in the folder. The correction is also provided.

#### **D. SPEAKING PRACTICE:**

What is your personal opinion about biohacking? Shall it be regarded as a somewhat ridiculous and crazy trend or does it actually make sense to some extent? Should it be forbidden or rather encouraged? Do you agree that biohacking and more generally all sorts of transhumanism are the only possible further step in human evolution? Get ready to discuss all this in the conversation room.