

# Gadgets

Theme:  
Science, Space and Technology



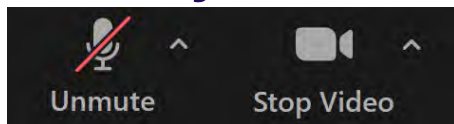
# Before we start, please make sure...

- ✓ your name on Zoom is clear (use Latin letters)
- ✓ your camera is on and mic is off (unmute when needed)
- ✓ you are in a quiet area that helps you focus
- ✓ you have a notebook or a note app ready to take notes

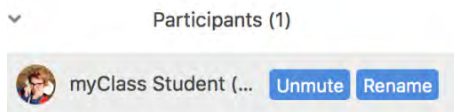


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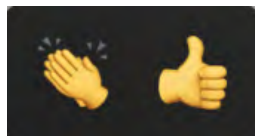
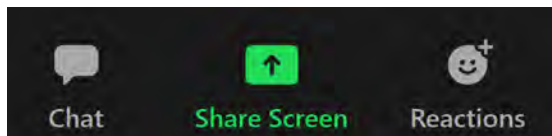


Use Latin letters for your name

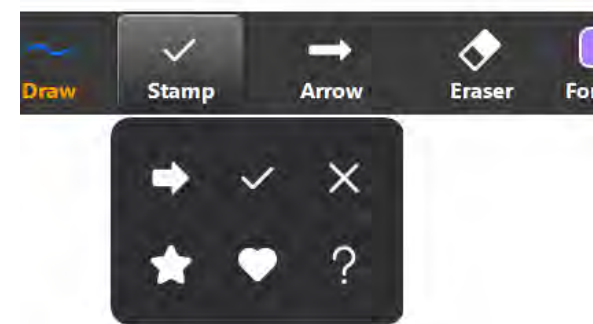
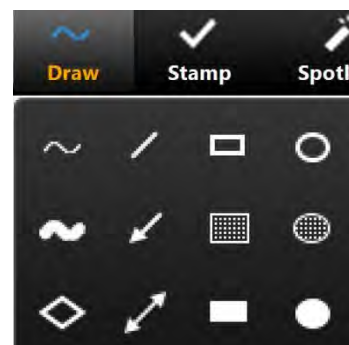


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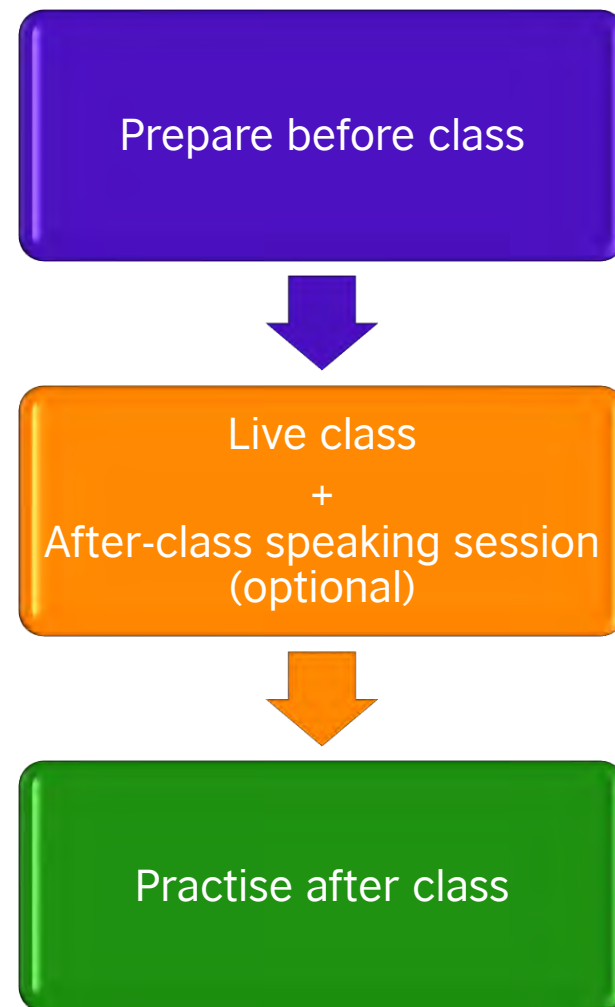


Use Save to make screenshots

# Welcome to English Online

## How does it work?

You need to complete all three parts to get the most out of English Online.



# After-class speaking session

Stay back after class for 5 or 10 minutes to talk to your classmates from around the world.

**This extra speaking practice will help you...**

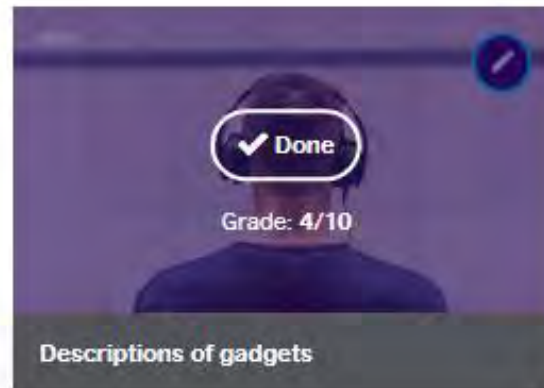
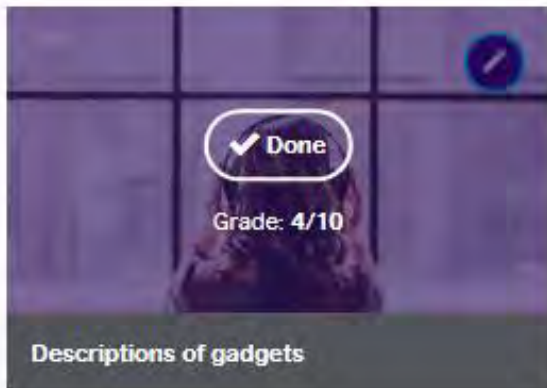
- improve your conversation skills
- practise using language learnt in class
- support and help your fellow students
- practise using English in a natural context
- become a part of a global learning community



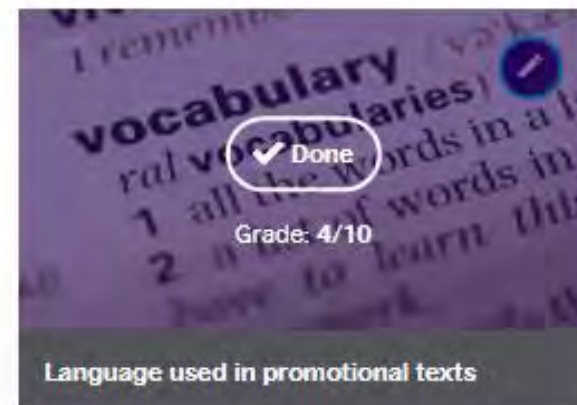
After-class  
speaking  
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# Pre-lesson activities

## Prepare



## Practise



# Lesson objective

What do you expect to learn by the end of this class?





# Lesson objectives

In this **live** part of the lesson, you will describe and 'sell' a new gadget to the class. You will listen to some sales pitches and practise language of persuasion.

## Highlighted skills:

Speaking (live class) and Reading (before and after the lesson)

## Language focus:

**Vocabulary:** Adjectives

**Grammar:** Persuasive language



# Warmer

ground-breaking

slam the competition

■ blind someone with (the) science

be wary of

empower

dispel your fears

stay in the loop

on everyone's lips

pack a punch

# Lead in

Talk to your partner about the gadgets in your home.

- 1) What do you use them for?
- 2) How often do you use them?
- 3) What's the favourite gadget you own?
- 4) What gadgets do you want, but don't/can't have?
- 5) What was the last gadget you bought, and why did you buy it?
- 6) What makes it better than other similar items?

# Language Focus 1 - Collocations

You probably used lots of **collocations** to talk about gadgets in the previous activity.

For example: **stylish design**, **high-resolution image**, **phone manufacturer**

(**adjective** + noun OR **noun** + noun)

Follow this link and practise forming some other collocations in pairs/groups.

[https://jamboard.google.com/d/1YGkXmLM5Pr7FtCF\\_90U8xfkwCj00CrGZ\\_TuvtdHXX3g/edit?usp=sharing](https://jamboard.google.com/d/1YGkXmLM5Pr7FtCF_90U8xfkwCj00CrGZ_TuvtdHXX3g/edit?usp=sharing)

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**High resolution image**  
**Stylish design**

# Language Focus 2 – Persuasive language

In the pre-lesson activities, you looked at the types of language used in promotional texts. Can you add at least one more example in each of the categories?

Imperatives	Rhetorical questions	Conditionals
Don't wait another second! Don't lose your chance	What could be better than a quick dip in the pool before breakfast?	How will you know if you never try it?
Positive adjectives	Inversion	Modal verbs
sleek, ultra-light, ground-breaking, utterly unique, innovative , stunning, light way , functional, desirable, elegant , state of the art , faithful	No sooner do you arrive home than the lights go on. Should you need more assistance, make sure you come back to us. Not only do you save your	You won't want to miss out on this chance. You could deny our offer

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# Task



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# Task Preparation

Today you are going to try to sell your partner(s) a gadget. In your sales pitch, you should remember to use **suitable adjectives** to convince them how great it is, and also **persuasive language** to make your speech as effective as possible.

You will then have time to prepare your sales pitch.



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## A Spherical Camera

**Appearance:** a small sphere with 36 lenses

**Purpose:** takes enhanced images

**Problem:** with traditional camera have to line people up and exclude self

**Solution:** takes 360 degree images including self

**Features:** captures everything in 360 degree high resolution image

**Specs:** 108 megapixel image, android app, tough exterior

**Procedure:** toss in the air and catch

**How it works:** accelerometer calculates highest point when barely moving and shoots

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## B Door Robot

**Appearance:** small security camera

**Purpose:** to monitor your front door from anywhere

**Problem:** unable to watch, lock or unlock your door when you are away

**Solution:** a smart security system with camera, microphone, speaker and lock

**Features:** a smartphone alerts you to a caller and allows you to address them

**Specs:** adjustable camera, night vision, weather resistant

**Procedure:** someone rings your bell and the robot alerts you

**How it works:** an app connects your smartphone wirelessly to the robot and to your visitors

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## C Kind Waker

**Appearance:** modern design, digital watch

**Purpose:** to ensure the best possible sleep

**Problem:** alarm clocks can wake you during deep sleep

**Solution:** Kind Waker wakes you during a light stage of sleep

**Features:** it selects the optimum time to eliminate grogginess

**Specs:** a sleep monitor, a sleep analyser, a snooze feature

**Procedure:** you wear it to bed like a normal wristwatch

**How it works:** it monitors your sleep activity, detects your lightest sleep stage and wakes you

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## D Smart Toothbrush

**Appearance:** modern electric toothbrush

**Purpose:** to optimise your brushing experience

**Problem:** we get no feedback on our brushing technique or how long we brush

**Solution:** the Smart Toothbrush monitors and evaluates our brushing giving direct feedback

**Features:** it has advanced sensor technology to detect every movement

**Specs:** it is smartphone and android compatible

**Procedure:** you brush as per normal and get real time feedback on your brushing habits

**How it works:** advanced sensors collect and communicate data on duration and frequency, etc.

# Task

Talk with your partner and try your best to sell them your item.

Partner: ask questions, push the speaker to try harder.

When you finish, swap roles.

Welcome to our shop with a lot of ground-breaking gadgets. Mainly, I want to mention that all our products are the advanced technology, ergonomic and stylish. Can you imagine waking up not being actually tired but refreshed, ready for another day? yes, you can do it with our Kind Waker. With this gadget, you will get your perfect timing as it is there for you to watch ... oh, it sounds very promising .....

# Feedback

Great work!	Points to remember
innovative	Inventive

# Review

**What have you learned from today's lesson?**

**What was challenging? Why?**

**How can you consolidate your learning after class?**

**Did you participate fully?**

**Did you achieve your aims for this lesson?**



# Lesson materials

Make sure you have

- downloaded the \*.pdf with this presentation
- saved the Zoom Chat



# How can you make more progress?

Complete the Progress activities online.



Review the language we have practised today.



<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/britain-is-great/innovation-is-great-part-1>

# After-class speaking session

You can talk about any topic that interests you!

Use these questions as a guide, if needed.

- What would you invent to ensure that people wake up in the morning?
- Take one gadget you own and tell us what you would change to make it perfect?
- Do labour-saving devices such as 'robot vacuums' really help us to focus on more important things?
- Have devices improved our lives or not?
- Describe a gadget that might make you a million dollars.

For help, contact:

[support.englishonline@britishcouncil.org](mailto:support.englishonline@britishcouncil.org)

## Dos

- ✓ Treat everyone with respect
- ✓ Keep your camera on and participate
- ✓ Let others share ideas too
- ✓ Listen to everyone
- ✓ Click 'Leave' if you cannot stay back

## Don'ts

- ✗ Don't take pictures or record
- ✗ Don't share personal details
- ✗ Don't let your children be visible onscreen