

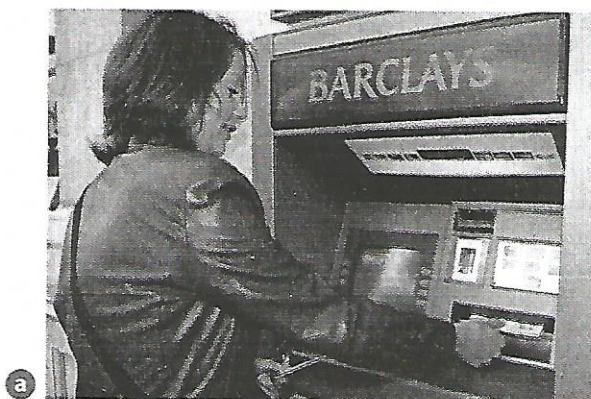
## Unit 1

# Living in a digital age

## The digital age

A Match the captions (1–4) with the pictures (a–d).

- 1 In education, computers can make all the difference b
- 2 Using a cashpoint, or ATM a
- 3 The Internet in your pocket d
- 4 Controlling air traffic c



B  How are computers used in the situations above? In pairs, discuss your ideas.

C Read the text and check your answers to B.

### The digital age

We are now living in what some people call *the digital age*, meaning that computers have become an essential part of our lives. Young people who have grown up with PCs and mobile phones are often called *the digital generation*. Computers help students to **perform** mathematical **operations** and improve their maths skills. They are used to **access the Internet**, to **do** basic **research** and to

communicate with other students around the world. Teachers use projectors and interactive whiteboards to **give presentations** and teach sciences, history or language courses. PCs are also used for administrative purposes – schools use word processors to **write letters**, and databases to **keep records** of students and teachers. A school website allows teachers to publish **exercises** for students to **complete** online.