

VOCABULARY

Technology, programs and gadgets

A Choose the correct words.

- A: This PC is so slow. We need to *upload* / *upgrade* to something more *powerful* / *fast*.

B: How about one of those netbooks? They're a really nice *design* / *icon*. They look really *well* / *cool*.

A: You can't buy a computer because it's pretty!

B: I know but a netbook would be *heavier* / *lighter* and easier to *carry* / *wear* than my old laptop.
- A: I can't believe how technology has changed. We've just bought an external hard drive with 100GB / 100GPS so we can *keep* / *store* my work files and all our games and films.

B: I know what you mean. I came across a gadget that *lets* / *allows* you to transform cassettes into different *programs* / *formats*.

A: That sounds cool.

B: But one thing that worries me is my kids and the Internet – there is a lot of adult material.

A: Most computers have a program that *warnings* / *warns* you when you're about to visit a *dangerous* / *an endangered* website.

B Choose two of the three words to complete the sentences.

What's your dream gadget / piece of technology?

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Posted by **Wit** (3) ★ New member

A huge TV! My old one is rubbish. I'd like one with a bigger so that the is a lot clearer. (picture / format / screen)

Posted by **Bricks** (4129) ★ ★ ★ Senior member

Central heating. We have open fires, so our little house is freezing most of the time. I'd love to be able to the timer and let the heating itself on. (plug / switch / set)

Posted by **Siu** (19) ★ New member

An oven that cooks the dinner! I could such a lot of time because it would do it all (digitally / save / automatically)

Posted by **Joshi** (4) ★ ★ ★ Administrator

An environmentally-friendly car! It would off solar panels so it would be a lot (go / greener / run)

Posted by **LouiseB** (107) ★ ★ Member

They already exist – low-energy light bulbs! I have them in every room in my flat. They on electricity bills because they're more energy (efficient / safe / save)

Posted by **Waring** (596) ★ ★ Regular

A sat nav! I'm hoping to get one for my birthday. They're just so easy to and they make getting around really (straightforward / use / useful)

GRAMMAR

-ing forms and to-infinitives

Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then give true answers.

TECHNOLOGY – A TREAT OR A TRAUMA?

- If you have a problem with your computer, how long do you keep (try) to solve it?
- What makes you decide (get) a new gadget / update?
- In what situations do you need to ask for help (sort out) a technical problem?
- How often have you been guilty of (buy) a gadget that you don't really need?
- How long does it take you to get used to (use) a new computer program / (drive) a different car?
- What do you think about children (have) computer-based lessons in school?
- Which gadget do you look forward to (use) most each day?
- How easy is it for you (accept) changes in technology?
- How long did it take you to learn (send) your first email?
- Have you ever threatened to (throw away) a piece of technology that failed (work)?