

1. Discuss the questions.

- What three gadgets do you use most often? Have they changed in your lifetime?
- Which of your gadgets would you like to update? Why?
- What modern technology makes your life easier? What makes it a bit more difficult?

**2. Watch the first [<https://youtu.be/DENG7Q7VRgo?t=64>] (from 01:04 to 01:56) and the second [<https://youtu.be/DENG7Q7VRgo?t=176>] (from 02:56 to 04:13) parts of a video and say which technologies are compared.**

paper books and ebook reader (Kindle), cars (Ford Model T and Ford GT), laptops, mobile phones

3. Look at some sentences about the technologies from the video and guess the missing information. Watch both parts of the video again and check your answers.

- a) ebook readers: the cheapest version can hold 1,400 books in a digital form. [01:22]
- b) cars: the 1908 model had a top speed of 45 mph. The 2017 model has a speed of 200 mph. [01:37, 01:52]
- c) laptops: the first laptop had a five-inch screen and weighed 24 pounds. The new models have 13-15-inch screens. [03:09]
- d) mobile phones: the 1973 model weighed 1.1 kg and took 10 hours to recharge. [03:46]

4. Read the sentences and say what they are about.

EBOOK READER

CAR

LAPTOP

MOBILE PHONE

- a) This modern model has a longer talk time than the old model. mobile phone
- b) It's the best gadget for reading. ebook reader
- c) This gadget is the most multifunctional of all the objects shown in the video. mobile phone
- d) This gadget has the biggest screen. laptop
- e) The modern model has a more powerful engine than the old one. car
- f) This is the heaviest thing in the video. car

- g) Some people say that it's worse for your eyes than the paper version. **ebook reader**

5. Look at the sentences from ex. 4 and answer the questions.

COMPARATIVES:

- a) Which sentences compare two things? **a, e, g**
- b) Which two letters do we add to short adjectives (e.g. *long*) in these sentences?
We add the -er ending to short adjectives.
- c) Which word do we use before long adjectives (e.g. *powerful*)? **We use more before long adjectives.**
- d) Which word do we use after the adjective when we compare two things? **We use than after the adjective when we compare two things.**

SUPERLATIVES:

- a) Which sentences compare more than two things? **b, c, d, f**
- b) Which three letters do we add to short adjectives in these sentences? **We add the -est ending to short adjectives.**
- c) Which word do we use before long adjectives? **We use most before long adjectives.**
- d) Which word do we use before short adjectives and before *most* + long adjectives? **We use the before short adjectives and most + long adjectives.**

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES:

- a) Why are these words different?
- **big:** We double the letter *g* before adding the endings: *big – bigger – the biggest*. Another example: *hot – hotter – the hottest*.
 - **heavy:** We change the *-y* ending to *-i* before adding *-er/-est*. Adjectives that have two syllables and end in *-y* can be used both ways: *healthy – more healthy/healthier – the most healthy/the healthiest*.
 - **good/bad:** These are exceptions that change their forms: *good – better – the best; bad – worse – the worst*.

6. Complete the table based on the answers in ex. 5.

	SHORT ADJECTIVES (ONE SYLLABLE)	LONG ADJECTIVES (TWO AND MORE SYLLABLES)	EXCEPTIONS
TO COMPARE TWO THINGS	<i>adjective + -er</i>	<i>more + adjective</i>	<i>good – better</i> <i>bad – worse</i>
TO COMPARE THREE OR MORE THINGS	<i>adjective + -est</i>	<i>the most + adjective</i>	<i>good – the best</i> <i>bad – the worst</i>

7. Complete the gaps by putting the words in brackets in the correct form.

- a) I think I need a new phone. I want one with a **bigger** screen than my old one (big)
- b) If you want to impress them, buy this tablet. It's **the most expensive** one in the store. (expensive)
- c) They upgraded their computers to the ones with a **faster** processor. (fast)
- d) My smartwatch has really helped me to be **more healthy/healthier** than before. I move more and I'm in **better** shape. (healthy, good)
- e) This is **the worst** phone I've ever used. The battery is always low and the camera takes terrible pictures. (bad)
- f) Out of all music subscription services, this one is **the most convenient**: they have good UI, and the price is **the cheapest**, too. (convenient, cheap)

8. Compare the objects in the pictures.

floppy disk



compact disk



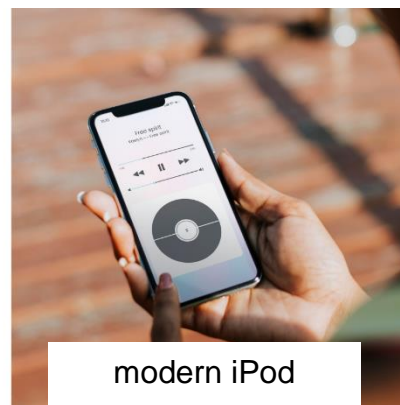
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record player



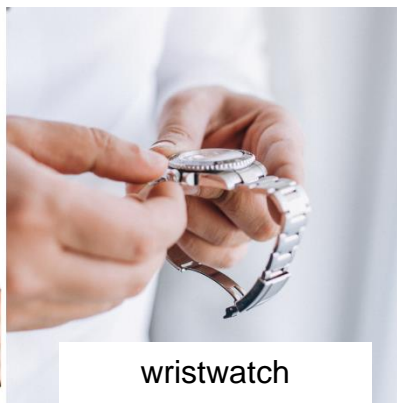
old iPod



modern iPod



clock



wristwatch



smartwatch

9. Discuss the questions.

- Which of the objects from ex. 8 is the most useful for you?
- Are there more convenient ways to listen to music/store information/check the time?
- Which of the objects has changed the most over time?

10. Play the game. You are going to listen to some clues about an object and must guess what it is. The fewer clues you need to guess the object, the more points you receive.

TEAM A	TEAM B
<p>It's one of the most useful gadgets in your house. (5 points)</p> <p>It works faster than the non-electric one. (4 points)</p> <p>It's one of the cheapest gadgets in your kitchen. (3 points)</p> <p>It's smaller than most of your kitchen appliances. (2 points)</p> <p>It heats water. (1 point)</p> <p>ELECTRIC KETTLE</p>	<p>This gadget might be smaller than your phone. (5 points)</p> <p>It's easier to lose than your keys. (4 points)</p> <p>It makes people lazier. (3 points)</p> <p>It can help you make the sound louder. (2 points)</p> <p>It's the most useful thing that goes with your TV. (1 point)</p> <p>REMOTE CONTROL</p>
<p>It's one of the most modern gadgets in the house. (5 points)</p> <p>It's more convenient than its standard version. (4 points)</p> <p>It might be more entertaining for pets than their toys. (3 points)</p> <p>It makes housework easier. (2 points)</p> <p>It makes your house cleaner. (1 point)</p> <p>ROBOT VACUUM CLEANER</p>	<p>It's one of the most popular technologies. (5 points)</p> <p>It's more expensive than the traditional one. (4 points)</p> <p>It's better for the environment than the traditional version. (3 points)</p> <p>It's cheaper to use than the traditional one. (2 points)</p> <p>It made Elon Musk one of the richest men in the world. (1 point)</p> <p>ELECTRIC CAR</p>

11. Work in groups. Think of a gadget or some technology that most people know. Create five sentences about it using comparative and superlative structures. Make the other team guess your gadget or technology by giving them clues one by one.