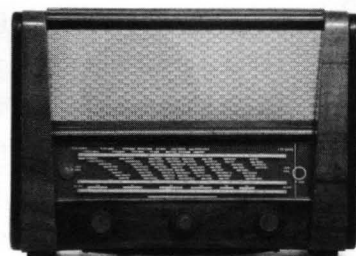


6 Technology

Aims: Talking about new technology, the Internet | Phrasal verbs

Pronunciation: Sentence stress, the schwa | Exam technique: Coherence

Vocabulary: Technology



1 Read the text and answer questions 1–7 below.

While technophiles love gadgets and all that is state-of-the-art believing that technology can solve all our problems, there are people who shrink in fear at the prospect of encountering cutting-edge technology. What is at the root of their panic? Well, technophobes are fixated on what could go wrong and allow their fears to completely dominate their view of any development in AI, genetic engineering or modern medicine. While we're busy upgrading our MP3 players to the latest model, they're hoping all this gadgetry will go away, clinging stubbornly to outdated equipment and trusty pen and paper.

- 1 Explain in your own words what a technophile is and what a technophobe is. Which are you? Which do people of your generation tend to be?
- 2 Is the writer of the text a technophile or a technophobe?
- 3 Give three examples of *gadgets*. Are you into gadgets?
- 4 The writer talks about *cutting-edge* technology. Find a synonym for *cutting-edge* in the text.
- 5 Find an antonym for *cutting-edge* in the text.
- 6 What does *AI* mean? Do you know of any recent developments in AI? What do you think is the future of AI?
- 7 Have you recently upgraded your mobile or your MP3 player? Why is it important to you (or to some people) to have the latest model?