

# The right technology makes a difference

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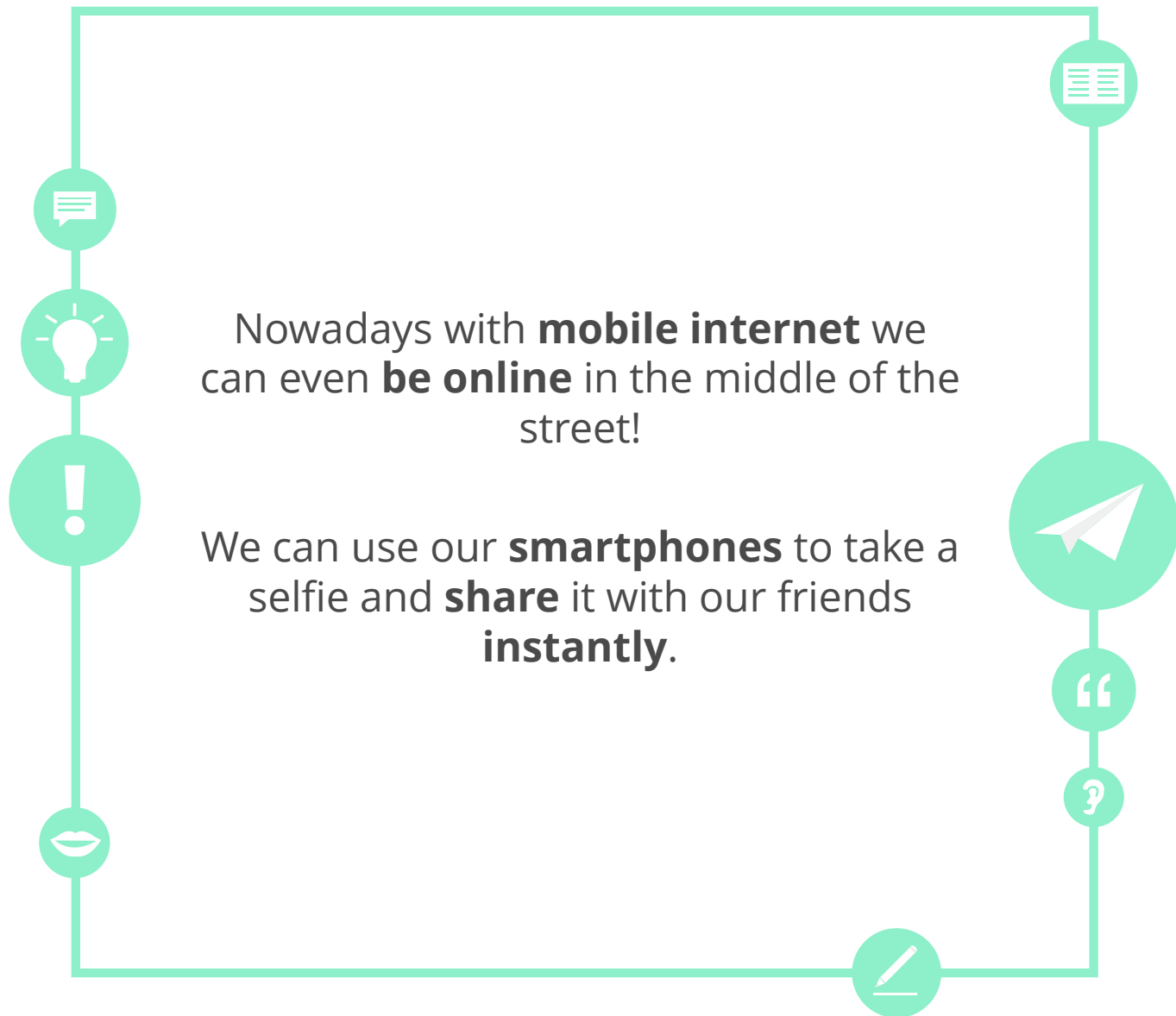




## Goals

- Can understand a short text about useful technology.
- Can use simple words and phrases to discuss technology.







Do you remember these words?

computer

smartphone

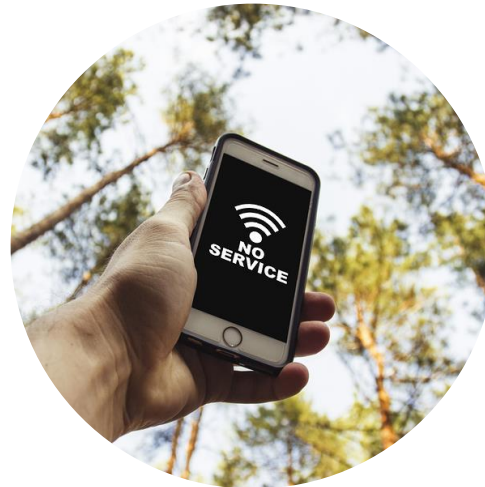
laptop

cloud

app

to stream

to download



mobile  
internet



Read these sentences



This café has really fast **wifi**.

I use an **app** to check the weather!



I couldn't **stream** live video on my old phone.

I couldn't take a **screenshot** or **share** photos.



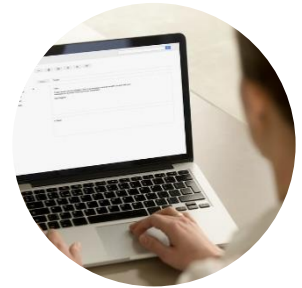


## More technology words



Technology has certainly **made life easier**.

We can **find information** on the **internet** and **send** it to colleagues.



Families can **keep in touch** easily.

We can **connect to the internet** almost anywhere in the world.





## Reading

I think it was 2001 when I bought my first mobile phone. I remember it was quite big. It had push buttons and a tiny screen to show the numbers. There was an antenna too. It felt very modern at the time!





## Reading

I only used it **to keep in touch with** my friends and family. They were in the same city as I was. I don't think it could make international calls. It could send messages and there was a voicemail for missed calls.





## Reading



Almost two decades later, my **smartphone** is a totally different story! It's like a mini-**computer** in my pocket, but, because of the **cloud**, I can find everything I need. In fact, I use my home **computer** less and less every year.



## Fill in the gaps

Use the words in the boxes below to fill in the gaps

mini-computer

friends and family

screen

computer

1. The writer's first phone had a tiny \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. In 2001, the writer only contacted her \_\_\_\_\_ with her phone.
3. Her smartphone is like a \_\_\_\_\_ in her pocket .
4. The writer uses her smartphone more than her \_\_\_\_\_ .





## Compare the phones

What does the writer tell us about the two phones?





## Your first phone



**Talk about  
your first  
phone**



## Reading

I read news websites and **stream** videos on my **tablet**, if the **wifi** signal is strong!

I send some work emails on my **laptop** and **download** music. It's got more **memory** than my **tablet**, but generally, **I'm online** on my **smartphone** most of the time.



## Reading

Recently I **downloaded** an **app** to check how much time I spend **online**. Last week I spent three hours a day on my **smartphone**. It's easy to spend too much time **online**.

**Mobile internet** really **makes life easier** for everybody. It's easier **to keep in touch** with friends and family. I can **send files** and **share** photos **instantly** all over the world.





## Reading



This morning I wrote a quick message to my friend in the Caribbean. There was a terrible storm in the area.

Then I took **screenshots** of the news and **shared** them with her. She replied with a photo of her beachfront restaurant. Everything was fine, thankfully.



## Which technology does the writer use for these actions?

	SMARTPHONE	TABLET	LAPTOP
1. Reading the news	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Downloading music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Sharing photos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Streaming videos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Talking to family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Sending work emails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





## Order the events

1. The friend sent a photo to the writer

2. The writer read the weather news

3. There was a storm in the Caribbean

4. The writer took a screenshot

5. The writer sent a message to her friend

6. The writer shared some information about the weather



## Role play

**Imagine you are the writer. You saw the weather news about a terrible storm in the Caribbean. You think of your friend in their beach home and write them a quick text to see if they are okay**

- Tell them about the news you read.
- Explain the screenshot you are sharing.
- Ask a question.
- Send best wishes.





## Reading

If I go out, I'll connect to **mobile internet**. But if I'm at home or in the office I use **wifi**. This is because mobile data is expensive.

At work I use **computers** to check the **cloud** and **download** documents. The office **online** calendar **makes life easier**, but it's not perfect because it doesn't connect to my **smartphone**.



## Reading

Sometimes, I have very busy weeks. If I take a **screenshot** of my personal calendar, I send it to my email account at work.

If I ask the technician, maybe he'll help me connect both my calendars.





## Reading



I think I'm quite good at using technology, but I need to check how many hours I'm **online**.

It's funny that I need an **app** to help me stop using my **smartphone** so much!



## True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The writer doesn't use mobile internet at home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The writer downloads images from the cloud.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Her calendar connects to her smartphone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. She takes screenshots of her calendar during busy weeks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The writer thinks she's not good with technology.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The writer is worried about how much she uses her smartphone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Role Play

**Imagine you are the writer. You call the technician and tell them about your calendar problems**

Hi, please could you help me...



Sure, what's the problem?

**Student A: You are the writer.**

**Student B: You are the technician.**



Talk about your technical problems

# What do you do if you have a technical problem?







Talk about technology

**How do you use  
technology at  
home?**

**How do you use  
it at work?**



At work



At home



## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

### Exercise 1, p.10

1. screen, 2. friends and family, 3. mini-computer, 4. computer

### Exercise 2, p.11

Old phone: bought in 2001, quite big, push buttons, small screen, antenna, felt modern.

Smartphone: totally different (better), mini-computer, small, connects to the cloud

### Exercise 3, p.16

1. tablet, 2. laptop, 3. smartphone, 4. tablet, 5. smartphone, 6. laptop

### Exercise 4, p.17

3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 1

### Exercise 5, p.22

1. T, 2. F, 3. F, 4. T, 5. F, 6. T





## Think about the good and bad things about ...

Advantages +

Disadvantages -

mobile internet

the cloud

laptops

tablets

smartphones

social media

streaming

keeping in touch  
instantly

sharing information

wifi



## Homework email

**Write an email to your company technician. Include:  
Greeting. Explain your problem. Ask for help. Sign off.**

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To:

Subject:

Dear Tech Team,



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