

VOCABULARY

# The evolution of technology

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

EN\_A2\_2091V

**LANGUAGE**

English



## Learning outcomes

- I can recognise different types of technology and talk about my experiences using them.
- I can talk about how technology has evolved in simple terms.



## Warm-up

**How has the internet  
positively impacted  
your life?**

**How has it negatively  
impacted your life?**





# Vocabulary

**typewriter**



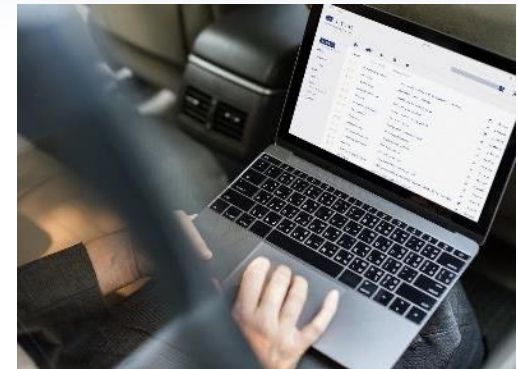
He is using a **typewriter** to type a document.

**PC**



A **PC** is a personal computer.

**operating system**



The **operating system** is what lets you use your computer.





# Vocabulary

wifi



**Wifi** lets you use the internet without cords or wires.

broadband



**Broadband** internet is much faster than dial-up internet.



# Technology vocabulary



In the past, we used **typewriters** to write books and documents.

Now, I can send an email or work from my **PC**.





# Technology vocabulary



Our office has **broadband** internet.

What kind of **operating system** do you use?



I can work from anywhere with **wifi**.

Many people have **PCs** in their homes.





# Multiple choice

**Choose** the correct word for each sentence.

1 A \_\_\_\_\_ device is something that is electronic or uses a computer.

a. broadband

b. digital

c. typewriter

d. wifi

2 I connect to \_\_\_\_\_ to use the internet when I am not at home.

a. PC

b. broadband

c. wifi

d. telegraph

3 I have a(an) \_\_\_\_\_ on my computer so that I can use it.

a. broadband

b. mobile phone

c. typewriter

d. operating system

4 Before computers were invented, businesses used \_\_\_\_\_.

a. PC

b. broadband

c. wifi

d. typewriters





# Discuss

Which of the technologies below have you used before? How often?

broadband

smart phone

typewriter

wifi

fax machine

operating  
system



# Fill in the gaps

Fill in the **gaps** with the correct word.

1. Broadband internet has \_\_\_\_\_ used for many years.
2. My computer \_\_\_\_\_ an operating system.
3. Our office \_\_\_\_\_ PCs, not typewriters.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ a typewriter before.
5. Do \_\_\_\_\_ a PC at home?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ seen my mobile phone?



has

uses

have you

have used

you have

been



# Vocabulary

**video call**



She is making a **video call**.

**device**



She is using her mobile **device** to send a message.

**breakthrough**



When you think of a new idea, it is called a **breakthrough**.



# Vocabulary

**revolution**



A **revolution** is something that changes the world.

**spaceship**



In many sci-fi movies, **spaceships** are used to explore the universe.



# Technology vocabulary



We can use a laptop or other **device** to learn something new.

There have been many scientific **breakthroughs** in history.





# Technology vocabulary



The internet **revolution** changed the lives of many people.

I am making a **video-call** to my friend from my **PC**.



I am working from my mobile **device**.

In the future, people may live on **spaceships**.





What other words do you know? Which are devices?

tablet

mobile phone

video-call

internet

laptop

GPS

digital camera

video conference

network

audio recorder



# Match the parts of the sentences

**1** I make video-calls...

**2** In my office...

**3** I use my laptop...

**4** A mobile phone is a type of...

**5** Computers that you have at home are called...

**6** In movies, spaceships are used...

**7** Scientists have breakthroughs...

**a** to explore the universe.

**b** to communicate with my friends and family.

**c** portable device.

**d** that can create a revolution.

**e** to work away from my office.

**f** we have wifi and PCs.

**g** PCs.



# Vocabulary

**social media**



Many people use **social media** to stay in touch.

**privacy**



You use a password to maintain your **privacy** online.

**virus**



A **virus** can make your computer stop working.



# Vocabulary

to develop



They are **developing** a website.

digital



A **digital** device is electronic or uses the internet.



# Technology vocabulary



The scientist **developed** a machine that was a **breakthrough**.

Do you think **social media** is useful?





# Technology vocabulary



I am **developing** code for the home page.

**Privacy** is important to me when I shop online.



I use **digital** communication to connect with the world.

I use **social media** very often.







It was nice to finally meet  
you **face-to-face** after so  
many phone conversations.



**Face-to-face** describes a situation where you are physically in the same room as someone, instead of, for example, talking to them on the phone.

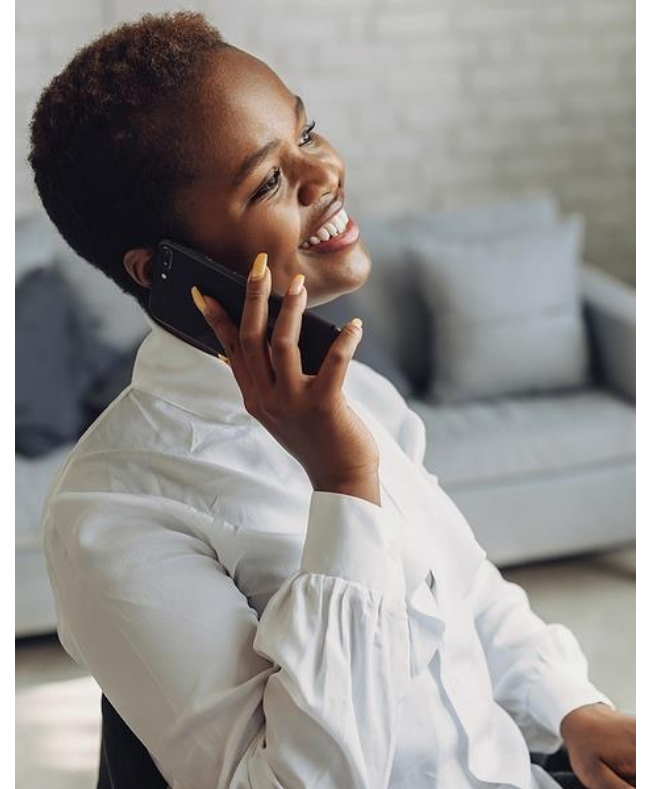


# What's your opinion?

1. **Read** the statement below.
2. Then, in breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions.

***People use technology too much. Face-to-face communication is important, and video-calls are not enough.***

**Do you agree or disagree?  
Why?**

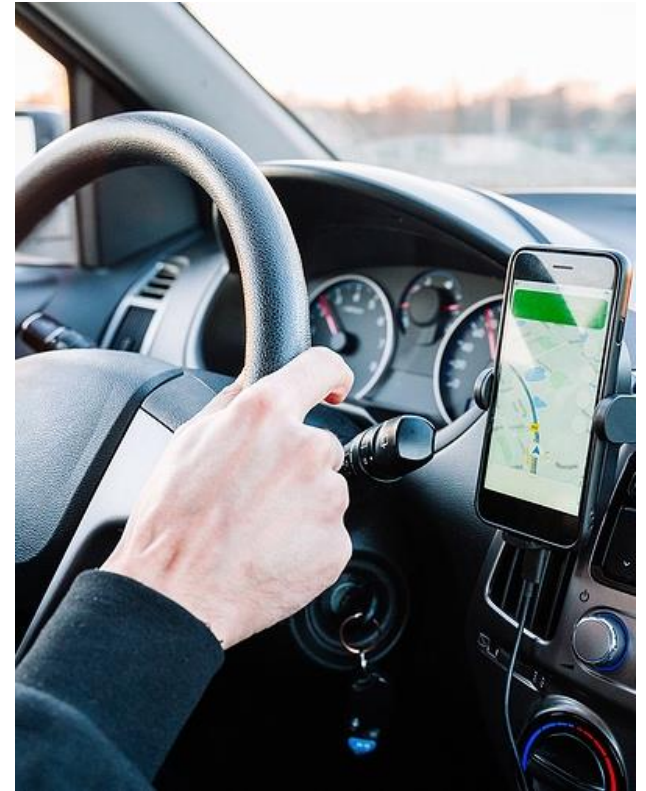




## Look at the picture

**What are some pros of  
and cons of using this  
device?**

**Share your ideas with the rest  
of the class!**





# End of the lesson

Idiom

***all the bells and whistles***

**Meaning:** the latest technological features

**Example:** This TV has all the bells and whistles – you can stream directly from your other devices and watch your favourite films in high definition.



# Additional practice





# Reading

1. **Read** the text.
2. Then **complete** the activity on the next slide.



The internet is one of the most important breakthroughs in human history. People can find information from anywhere in the world. People can use the internet to chat with someone in a new language or read the news.

There are a few downsides, though. Nowadays, a lot of people spend more time in front of their computers than before. It's easy to waste time on the internet, and some people find it difficult to disconnect from work.



# True or false

- 1. **Read** the statements.
- 2. **Decide** if they are true or false.

		True	False
1	The author thinks that the development of the internet was important.		
2	Talking to other people in a new language is one reason why the internet is helpful.		
3	There are no bad things about the internet, according to the text.		
4	The author thinks a lot of people don't use computers enough.		
5	According to the author, the internet makes it difficult for some people to disconnect from work.		





# Match the parts of the sentences

**1** I have been thinking a lot...

**2** Have you seen...

**3** I have many devices...

**4** What do you use...

**5** A revolution...

**6** I have many accounts...

**7** My computer has...

**a** changes the world with new ideas or technology.

**b** a PC for?

**c** a virus.

**d** a spaceship?

**e** and I finally made a breakthrough.

**f** on social media.

**g** that are digital.



# Discuss

**Answer** the questions below.

**What new technology  
could you not live  
without?**



**Do you always trust  
technology? Why or  
why not?**



# Answer key

**P.8:** 1.) b 2.) c 3.) d 4.) d

**P.10:** 1.) been 2.) has 3.) uses 4.) have used 5.) you have 6.) have you

**P.16:** 1.) b 2.) f 3.) e 4.) c 5.) g 6.) a 7.) d

**P.28:** 1.) True 2.) True 3.) False 4.) False 5.) True

**P.29:** 1.) e 2.) d 3.) g 4.) b 5.) a 6.) f 7.) c



# Summary

## Types of technology:

- *typewriter; PC; operating system; wifi; broadband; video call; device; social media; privacy; virus; digital*
- *What kind of **operating system** do you use?*
- *I am worried about my **digital privacy**.*

## Technological change:

- *breakthrough; revolution; spaceship; to develop*
- *The scientist **developed** a machine that helped to make a **breakthrough** discovery.*
- *There have been a few technological **revolutions** in the past.*

## Talking about technology:

- *People used **typewriters** in the past.*
- *We have **video calls** at work all the time now.*
- *I use **social media** to catch up with my friends.*





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