

READING

Working with technology

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can read a text about technology.
- I can talk about my use of technology in simple terms.



Warm-up

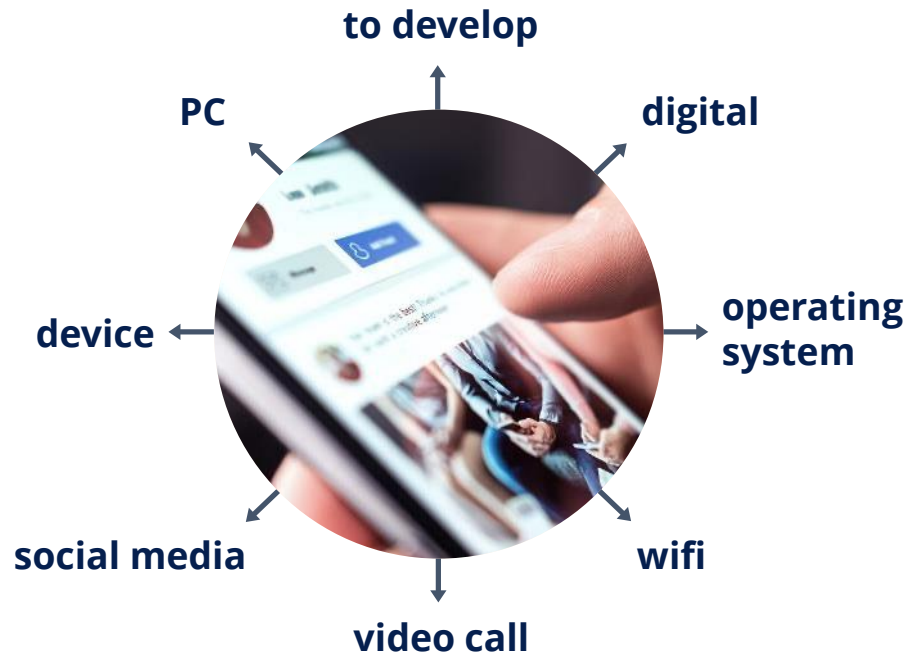
What are some of the pros and cons of working from home?

Share your answer with the rest of the class!





Vocabulary review





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Can you please tell me the password for the **wifi**?

Are you using the latest version of the **operating system**?



How many **digital devices** do you have?

We have **developed** a new **social media** platform.





Vocabulary review



I am running the new **operating system** on my **PC**.

Our company uses lots of different **social media** channels.



My **device** isn't connecting to the **wifi**.

I will have a **video-call** with my friend this afternoon.



Working with technology (1/3)

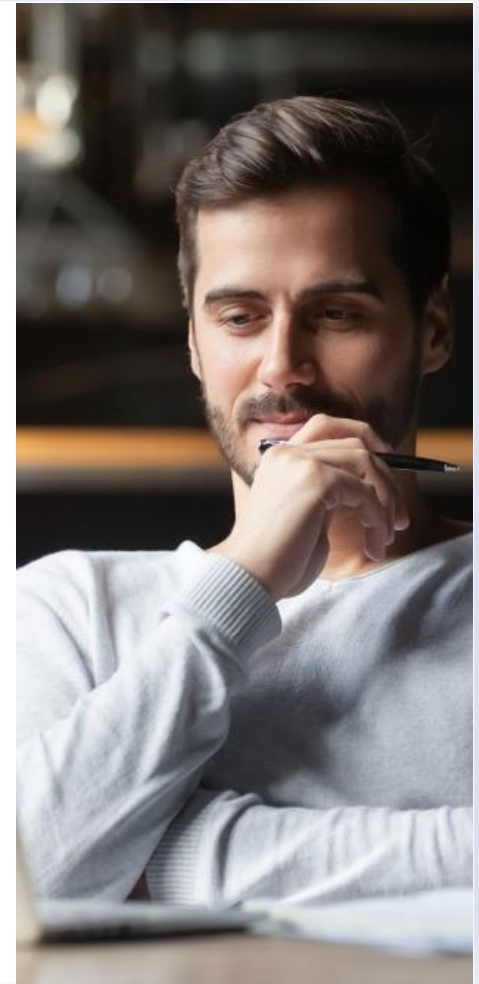
It's Monday morning and Steve is sitting in his flat. He is all dressed for work, but he is not going to the office today. He is working from home. Steve is sitting in front of his laptop. His boss is talking to him through the webcam. They are having a video-call.

'When do you want me to finish my article?' he asks his boss.

'Write it by next Monday. That will give you enough time,' answers his boss.

'Ok, thanks Mr. Wong, I will get started right away!'

Steve ends the conversation and looks at his screen. He is writing an article about technology, so he is spending a week working from home. His laptop is getting old. It will be obsolete soon. He starts typing the first few sentences and then his laptop freezes.





His laptop is getting old. It will be **obsolete** soon.

When something is **obsolete**, it is no longer made or used.

What things that used to be popular are **obsolete** now?



Transform the sentences

Transform the sentences from the text to the past tense.

1 He is working from home.



He was working from home.

2 He asks his boss.



3 I will get started right away.



4 He is writing an article about technology.



5 His laptop is getting old.



6 Steve ends the conversation and looks at his screen.





Transform the sentences

Transform the sentences from the text to the future tense.

1 He is working from home.



He will be working from home.

2 He asks his boss.



3 I got started right away.



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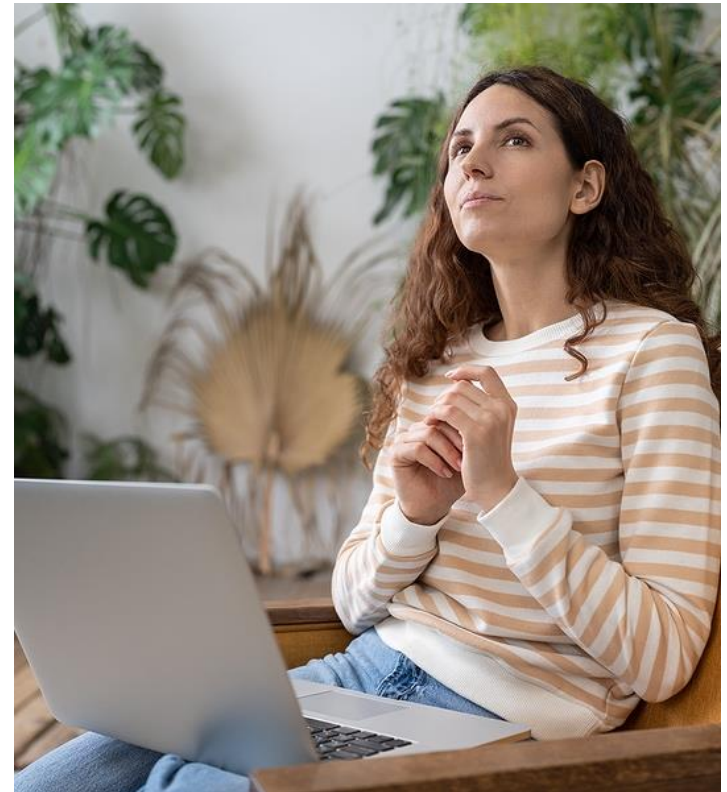
Complete the sentences

Complete the conditional sentences with your own ideas.

1 If Steve's boss is angry,...

2 If the laptop is old,...

3 If he works from home,...





Discuss

1. Which of the activities do you do in an average workday? Which ones do you not do?
2. **Share** your answers in breakout rooms or together as a class!

write emails

talk to your
boss

work from
home

use the
internet



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‘Stop that!’ he shouts at his laptop. ‘Let me finish my work!’ The laptop is still frozen. ‘If you don’t work better, I will recycle you,’ he says.

He tries restarting it. Maybe it has a virus. It takes a long time to restart, but finally he is back into his operating system. While he is waiting for the word processing program to open again, he thinks about his other devices. His phone is old too. Keeping up with electronics is expensive. He doesn’t even have a TV.

His equipment at work isn’t any better. The PC at his desk is older than his laptop, and the keyboard doesn’t work well. He has to press some keys very hard. It often crashes. ‘This laptop is old, but it’s mine. And it works better than my office computer,’ thinks Steve.





Choose the correct answer (1/2)

1 If a computer stops working suddenly, we say that it _____.

- a. is destroyed b. is chilly c. is frozen d. is functioning

2 If the computer stops working, we will _____ it.

- a. reclaim b. run c. stop d. restart

3 A _____ is a program or machine that you use to write documents.

- a. tablet b. word processor c. circuit d. device



Choose the correct answer (2/2)

1 A _____ is a program that damages a computer.

a. software

b. virus

c. viral

d. hard drive

2 If the computer doesn't start, Steve _____ to do his work.

a. will be

b. will can

c. will not be able

d. will be able to

3 _____ means the tools I use to do a job.

a. stop

b. restart

c. equipment

d. office



Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**Would you like to work from home every day?
Why or why not?**



Think of 3 things you use at work. Choose one and describe it. What do you use it for?

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Steve is happy that he has a computer and wifi in his flat. He can email his article to his boss or have a video-call with him. In the old days, journalists used typewriters. Sometimes they even used a pen and paper.

Steve sometimes worries about security and privacy. If people aren't careful, they get hacked. Being online can be dangerous sometimes. Later this week, he will interview an internet security expert. Steve will talk to him about how to stay safe on the internet. He will ask him about how to stay safe while using social media. For now, he is still waiting for his computer to start the word processor.





What's your opinion?

1. **Read** the statements below.
2. Which one do you **agree** with the most. Why?

1 Security and privacy online are not very important.

2 Using the internet can be dangerous, and we need to be careful about safety.

3 If you are careful, using social media online is safe.



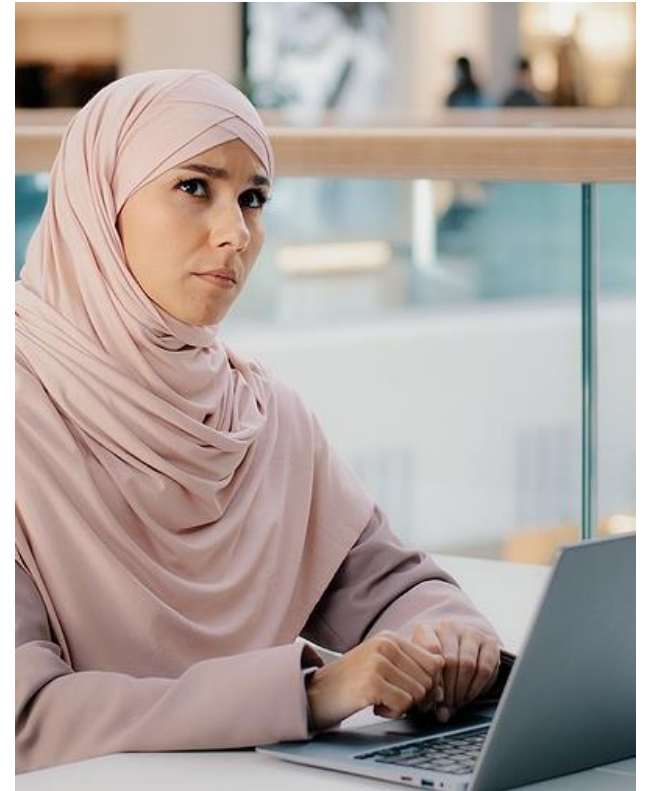


Discuss

Answer the question below.

How do you stay safe on the internet?

Share your ideas with the rest of the class.





End of the lesson

Idiom

Ahead of the crowd

Meaning: to be aware of the latest trends before everyone else; to be more up-to-date or advanced than competitors

Example: This new company is ahead of the crowd when it comes to electric cars.

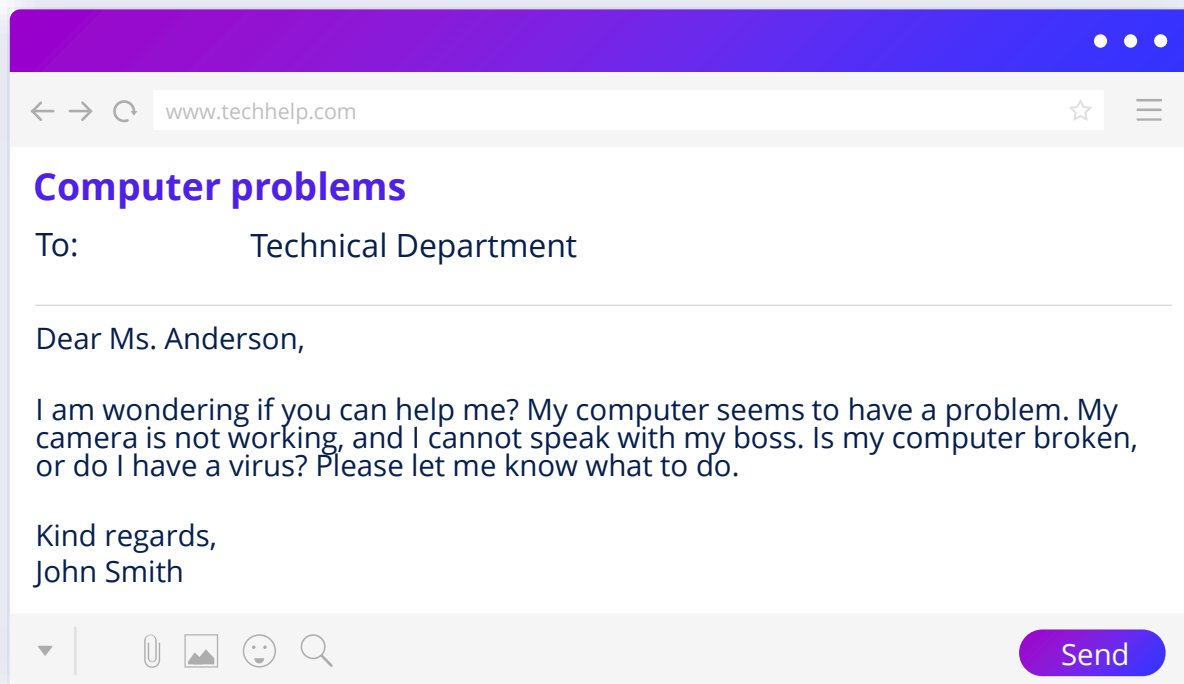


Additional practice



Email

1. **Read** the email. 2. Then **answer** the questions below.



1. What computer problem is mentioned in the email?
2. Is this email formal or informal? How do you know?



Writing

1. **Write** a short email asking for help with a computer problem.
2. **Say** what the problem is.
3. **Ask** how to fix it.

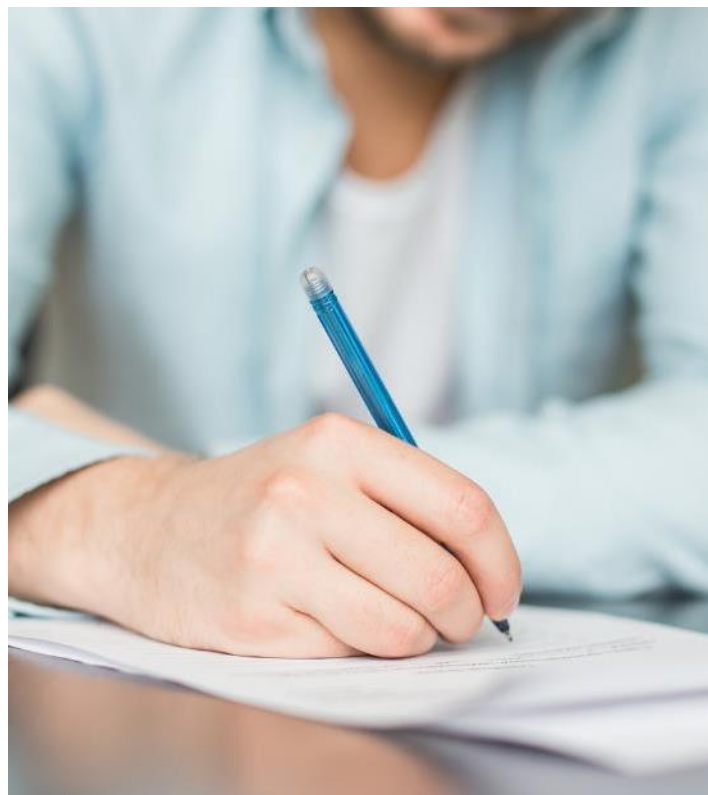




Complete the sentences

Complete the sentences with a **zero** or **first conditional**.

- 1 If the operating system freezes,...
- 2 If the wifi is broken,...
- 3 If I smash the touchscreen,...
- 4 If I have a video-call with someone,...
- 5 If the computer has a virus,...





Answer key

P.9: 2.) He asked his boss. 3.) I started right away. 4.) He was writing an article about technology. 5.) His laptop was getting old. 6.) Steve ended the conversation and looked at his screen.

P.10: 2.) He will ask his boss. 3.) He will get started right away. 4.) He will write an article about technology. 5.) His laptop will get old. 6.) Steve will end the conversation and look at his screen.

P.14: 1.) c 2.) d 3.) b

P.15: 1.) b 2.) c 3.) c

P.23: 1.) The camera does not work, and John cannot speak with his boss. It may be a virus.
2.) The email is more formal. We know this because of Dear, and Kind regards. The tone of the email is also more professional.



Summary

Reading a text about technology:

- Understand vocabulary from the unit in context:
- *to develop; digital; operating system; wifi; video call; social media; device; PC*
- *obsolete*

Talking about technology use:

- *Security and privacy online are very important.*
- *Using the internet can be dangerous, and we need to be careful about safety.*
- *If you are careful, using social media can be safe.*



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