

Практическое занятие № 34. Человек и техника в современном мире.

Warm up. 2 min

It is not a secret that a lot of people can't live without modern gadgets and devices. What device can't you live without? Explain.

Vocabulary:

- a microwave oven — микроволновая печь
- a mobile telephone — мобильный телефон
- a vacuum cleaner — пылесос
- a video phone — видеотелефон
- a cordless phone — беспроводной телефон
- a computer — компьютер
- a solar powered calculator — калькулятор на солнечных батареях
- a body building machine — тренажер
- a sewing machine — швейная машина
- a fax machine — факс
- a TV remote control unit — пульт управления
- a dishwasher — посудомоечная машина
- a mower — газонокосилка
- an iron — утюг
- a refrigerator — холодильник
- an electronic game — электронная игра
- a camera — фотоаппарат
- a washing machine — стиральная машина
- a TV set — телевизор

Ex. 1. What do you think it is?

1. You wash clothes in it.
2. You use this thing to clean your flat, carpets.
3. You can communicate with people who are away from you using this thing. It is very compact; you can carry it in your bag or pocket. It has many functions, it can wake you up in the morning, you can enjoy listening to music with the help of it and even enjoy playing games.
4. You can wash dirty dishes in it.
5. You can cook, defrost and reheat pre prepared food in it.
6. You use it to write programs, play games, find and use information.
7. You operate the TV set from a distance with it.

Ex.3 Some pieces of technology are more important for us than others.

What piece of technology couldn't people live without? Why are they important for these people?

I couldn't live without my computer at home. I use it all the time. It is like a typewriter and address book for me and it is also used for checking my spelling. Besides I can go on the Internet and discover everything about anything, it's a brilliant source of information. I've designed my own website and I'm getting loads of information for school. You can play and learn on it. It is absolutely essential. I

don't know how I ever managed without it. But my elder sister thinks people are getting a bit too dependent on computers. She thinks that we rely on them too much. My sister says, "You can't rely on all the information, you don't know who it has been written by or where it's coming from. To be dependent on anything, especially a lifeless machine, that can quite easily break down, is not good. Besides computers shouldn't replace seeing your friends." **Kate**

I couldn't possibly live without my car. Convenience seems to be the most common and most logical answer: cars take you where you want to go and when you want to go there. I can travel freely and comfortably wherever I want. Besides it allows me to live where I want as I can easily get to the place I need with the help of the car. Besides a car is a way of self – expression. I really hate to be without it. I think a car is a necessity rather than a luxury. But my wife thinks there are too many cars in our cities. It's necessary to give thought to problems caused by cars. Pollution, accidents and so on. My wife prefers to go to work using intercity transportation system. But I prefer to use my car. It suits me. **John**

I couldn't imagine my life without my phone or I should say phones because I've got a mobile, too. I need a telephone to get in touch with my friends or to call the police or an ambulance. It is almost impossible for me to live without me phones. At home I have a cordless telephone, I think it saves time when you have a receiver just at hand. But my mum says that mobiles are dangerous for health. The rays mat cause headaches and even more dangerous diseases. I don't believe her. For me my telephones are really invaluable. **Ann**

Ex.4 Are the statements below true or false? Explain.

1. Kate uses her PC for typing and keeping information.
2. Kate uses her computer to get information from the Internet.
3. Kate's sister thinks it's not clever to believe all facts stored on the Internet.
4. Kate's sister considers electronic devices not reliable.
5. John doesn't like his car but he needs it.
6. John's wife most probably goes to work by bus than by car.
7. John doesn't like the situation when he can't use his car for going shopping.
8. John's wife spends less time to get to her work when she walks than when she goes by car.
9. Ann doesn't agree to have one phone.
10. Ann's and her mum's opinions about the phone are different.
11. Ann's mum thinks that telephones are more trouble than profit.
12. There are some problems with computers, cars and telephones.