Elementary 3 Unit 5

I can’t live without it  Activity 1

Match the pictures with the names
1. A tablet
2. A laptop computer
3. A desktop computer
4. A webcam
5. A smartphone
6. Headphones
7. A digital camera
8. A video camera
9. Speakers
10. A flash drive
11. A home theater
12. A smart TV
Classify the items in the previous activity into the following categories

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<th>IT NEEDS BATTERIES</th>
<th>IT'S PORTABLE</th>
<th>IT'S POPULAR</th>
<th>IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE</th>
<th>IT'S FOR PERSONAL USE</th>
<th>IT'S USEFUL</th>
<th>IT'S USELESS</th>
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**Guessing game**

**Student 1**
Choose a device and keep it a secret.

**Student 2**
Guess the name of the device your partner is thinking of.

**Useful language**

- Do you use it to listen to music?
- Is it portable?
  - (popular / expensive / useful / useless / expensive / for personal use, etc.)
- Does it need batteries / electricity / other?
Activity 4

Suppose that...

- You have trouble sleeping, choose the best solution:
  a) Sleeping pills
  b) Earbuds with relaxing music
  c) A pillow that gives you a massage

- You live in a very hot place, what’s the best solution?
  a) A portable air conditioner
  b) Refrigerating clothes
  c) A fan attached to your hat

- You are a student tired of taking down notes in class; choose the best solution:
  a) A computer that listens to your teacher and writes what he / she says
  b) An electric pen that helps you write faster
  c) A chip in your brain that helps you remember everything

- Can you think of another solution to the problems above?

Activity 5

Taking care of your computer

Do you agree with these statements?

1) It is OK to eat or drink while you are using your computer.
   I agree... I disagree. You should / shouldn't ... because ...

2) It is not necessary to have a backup of your computer files.
   I agree... I disagree. You should / shouldn't ... because ...

3) You should turn off power before connecting or disconnecting any cables.
   I agree... I disagree. You should / shouldn't ... because ...

4) You should run an antivirus software once a year.
   I agree... I disagree. You should / shouldn't ... because ...
You should.../ You shouldn’t...

Use *should* and *shouldn’t* to give advice or to talk about what we think is right or wrong.

**You should** means “I think it is a good idea for you to do it.”
- You should save your work every twenty minutes.

**You shouldn’t** means “I think it is a bad idea for you to do it.”
- You shouldn’t place your computer near an open window.

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**Activity 7**

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<td>You have just bought a brand new computer. You don’t know how to take care of it. Ask your friend for advice regarding the following topics:</td>
<td>Your friend has just bought a brand new computer. He / she doesn’t know how to take care of it. Give him / her the advice he / she needs.</td>
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<td>Computer viruses</td>
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<td>PC software</td>
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<td>Cleaning your computer</td>
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**Useful language**

- Should I ...?
- Where should I ...?
- How often should I ...?
- Who should I ...?
- How should I ...?
- When should I ...?

**Useful language**

- You should ...
- You shouldn’t ...
- Remember to ...
- Remember not to ...
- It is / isn’t a good idea to ...
What are you going to do next summer? Activity 8A

- I'm going camping with my little daughter.
- We're going shopping in Miami.
- We are sailing to Brazil.
- I'm taking care of my master's house while he is at the beach.
- I'm staying at the office. I'm a terrible workaholic.
- We're starting a new world tour.
- I'm studying for make-up tests in March.
- I'm playing a masters series tournament.
- I'm training for the next soccer season.

What are you going to do next summer? Activity 8B

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
Use the Present Continuous and a future time marker to talk about future plans, especially with words of movement and transportation.

- Tomorrow we’re going to the bank
- She’s leaving next week

Be careful: You cannot use the Present Continuous for future predictions:

- Look at those black clouds. It is going to rain this afternoon
- NOT: Look at those black clouds. It is raining this afternoon.

**Activity 10**

**What are you doing this weekend?**

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<td>You met a really nice person online. Ask him / her about his / her plans for the coming weekend and invite him / her to go out.</td>
<td>You met online a really nice person who is asking you about your weekend plans You are a bit busy this coming weekend, but you try to arrange something with him / her anyway.</td>
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**Useful language**

- Hi!
- What... -ing on...?
- I’m ...-ing next...
- Would you like to ...?
- How about ...?

- Hi!
- Next ... I’m ...-ing
- I’m sorry but...
- What a pity!
- I already have plans for ...
- How about...?
### Activity 11: It’s driving me crazy!

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<td>Last week you bought a smartphone at Airport Electronics but it’s not working very well. Ask your friend for help.</td>
<td>Your friend bought a smartphone at Airport Electronics last week. He needs your help now.</td>
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**Useful language**

I just bought a ...  
...won’t ...  
...doesn’t...  
...a piece of junk / a lemon / awful / defective  
...help me?  
Should I ...  

### Activity 12: Hotel guest complaint

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| You are staying at a hotel for which you paid a lot of money. Unfortunately, the service is a bit disappointing...  
The fridge is making a funny noise  
The bathroom door won’t close  
The toilet won’t stop flushing  
The bathroom sink is clogged  
The TV won’t turn on  
The closets smell funny  
The carpets are dirty  
Call the front desk to express your complaints. | You work at the front desk of an important hotel. You are in charge of calming down upset passengers.  
Listen to a passenger’s complaints and offer solutions to him / her. Remember to be extremely polite! |

**Useful language**

...help me?  
I want to ...  
The ... won’t ...  
The ... isn’t ...  
Should I ...?  
...a piece of junk / a lemon / awful  

... help you?  
What’s wrong ...?  
What brand ...?  
Let me check ...  
Does this model come with ...?  
This brand is ....  
Did you ...?  
You should / shouldn’t...