

Supplementary Material
Intermediate 2
UNIT 4 FW2B

Activity 1

Technology



- a- What technological gadgets do you own or know of?
- b- Which ones do you use more frequently?
- c- Which one/s can't you live without? Why?
- d- Is there any gadget you don't have and want to buy?
- e- Are you or anyone you know a technophobe?
- f- Are you or anyone you know addicted to technology?



Activity 2

Who says what?

I can spend hours talking to friends and family. It's just a way of relaxing.

You don't need to write letters anymore, and it's a really quick way to exchange information.

It's cheaper than calling, especially during the day, and people say it's healthier, too.

I can't go out of the house without my Game Boy -the bus trip to school is so boring without it.

Darren

Charlene

Abdul

Cristina

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Activity 3

Read the language balloons below. Then match them with the pictures.

If I did not know how to operate my computer I'd ask my grandson for help

My life would not be a real life if I did not have a computer.

If I didn't have a computer I'd be in better shape!

If I had my cell phone I'd dial 911



Activity 3 a

How would your life be different if ...

- a- ... you did not have a TV?
- b- ... photocopiers did not exist?
- c- ... did not have a cell phone?
- d- ... did all your shopping on the Internet?
- e- ... could afford all the technological devices you wanted?

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Activity 4

Husband	Wife
<p>You are talking with your wife to organize your future birthday party. It's your 40th birthday, so you want to give a nice party. Discuss with her what food you can serve, the music, a video you want to prepare, the place, etc. You are techno-minded, so you also want to give your friends a nice but inexpensive gadget as a souvenir.</p> <p><u>Useful language:</u> Where can we ...? What can we ...? If we ..., they ... If I bought ..., it ... If I prepare the video, ...</p>	<p>You are talking with your husband to organize his 40th birthday party. Discuss with him what food you can serve, the music, a video he wants to prepare, the place, etc. You don't want him to spend too much money on the party, because you need to have some repairs done at home, and you want to have a very nice vacation this year.</p> <p><u>Useful language:</u> Why don't you ...? You can ... If you spent ..., we ... If we didn't have ..., we ...</p>


Activity 5

True or false?

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| A) Nat visits this website every day at night. | T/F |
| B) He likes it because it has good quality. | T/F |
| C) You can read the articles as well as the commentary. | T/F |
| D) Nat found his job in this website. | T/F |
| E) Nat likes to read the newspaper when he has some free time. | T/F |

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Activity 6

Blind date report!



You	Your best friend
<p>A few weeks ago you met a person online. Last Saturday you had a date with him/her. Now, you are telling you best friend about it. Tell him/ her that you didn't have a good time because your date had told you many lies online. Explain what he lied about and how you felt as you discovered each lie.</p> <p><u>Useful language:</u> He/she said ... He/she told me that ... He had told me... surprised/surprising annoyed/annoying disappointed/ disappointing depressed/depressing interested/ interesting bored/boring</p>	<p>Your best friend met a person online a few weeks ago. Last Saturday he/she had a date with him/her. Now he/she is telling you about it. Find out where they went, what they did, and how he/ she felt.</p> <p><u>Useful language:</u> Where ...? What ...? Did you ...? Did he/she say ...? Had you ...before you met? disappointing/ annoying/ interested frightened/ bored</p>

Activity 7


Fill in the blanks!

- A- I really don't understand it. Maybe I just through it, or maybe I just forgot to it.
- B- Anyway, I put the food inside and it, but it started making a noise.
- C-I think I just pressed Suddenly,

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Activity 8

Calling Tech Support



Customer	Tech support
<p>You bought a multi-function printer some months ago. But you are very angry because you have recently had many problems with it: the papers gets jammed, it doesn't print in black though it has ink, it turns off suddenly while it's working. This is the second time you have called the tech support. You are furious! Explain all the problems you've had and ask for a solution.</p> <p><u>Useful language:</u> I bought ... The problem is ... made a mess made no progress When I called the guy told me ... I'm doing my best... Turn on/off, unplug, plug in</p>	<p>You work in a call center. You receive a phone call from a customer who has had some problems with his/her multi-function printer. Ask what the problems are, and suggest a solution. You have to be very polite because the conversation might be being recorded.</p> <p><u>Useful language:</u> Can I help ...? What ...? What did ... tell you? Did you tell ... that ...? Turn it on/ off, press, warm up, unplug. Have you made any progress?</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

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Activity 9
Final Task : Reading

Technology is useful for monitoring. Read the title of the article below. In your opinion, how could the article be connected with monitoring?

Big Brother is watching!

<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <p>BIG BROTHER </p>  </div> <div> <p>Have you ever found yourself watching the clock at work? Be careful, it might be watching you! Some recent reports have revealed that 32% of major American companies monitor their employees' communications and activities while on the job.</p> <p>"They can be placed in a fan, a smoke detector, a light switch, almost anywhere," said one private investigator.</p> <p>The director of security at a large firm in Los Angeles said if the company found an employee cheating on them they would take action. As a result of this practice they would save money.</p> <p>In a company in New York more than 20 employees were sacked for sending e-mails which were considered "inappropriate and offensive".</p> </div> </div>	<p>In a company in New York more than 20 employees were sacked for sending e-mails which were considered "inappropriate and offensive". A secretary who had downloaded the latest CD of her favorite band was suspended for two days.</p> <p>Anyone who has used the internet knows that their surfing habits are constantly traced by "cookies". Even employee security cards record when people enter and leave buildings."It all seems like an invasion of our privacy," says a representative of the American Right to Privacy League. "But in a way, we are the ones who open the doors and let these people in."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adapted from "Taboos and Issues"</p>
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Group Discussion:

- 1- The article above describes some issues about on the job privacy in the US. Is our country similar? Better or worse? In what ways?
- 2- Monitoring is good because "It keeps people honest." Do you agree?
- 3- Would you work more if you knew they were watching you? Why? Illustrate with examples.

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Debate:

Group 1:

You are employers have been invited to a talk show on TV to discuss the issue of whether companies should monitor their staff's use of computers and e-mails.

Consider the following employees' internet practices. You may add your own.

- Visit websites
- Surf the internet
- Download music
- Chat
- Burn CD's
- Read the newspaper
- Send private e-mails/jokes
- Others

Do you have evidence of employees who waste working hours on the Internet? How effective is monitoring their work?

Useful language:

What worries me is that...

I think we can't forget that...

One day I walked into the office and I saw one of my employees had...

When I told him/her... he said that...

If employees did not ... we would ...

If they ... we would not ...

No way!

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Debate:

Group 2:

You are employees have been invited to a talk show on TV to discuss the issue of whether companies should monitor their staff's use of computers and e-mails.

What's your opinion? Is it an effective way of reducing the use of computers for private purposes? Illustrate with examples

Consider the following issues:

- Long hours of work
- Internet helps you relax
- The information on the web may be useful for your work
- Private use of the computer does not interfere with your work
- Others

Useful language:

If we ... we would/wouldn't...

Once my boss told me that ...

... when I told him/her that s/he answered that..

It is true that... but

Once I walked into my boss' office and I saw s/he had...