

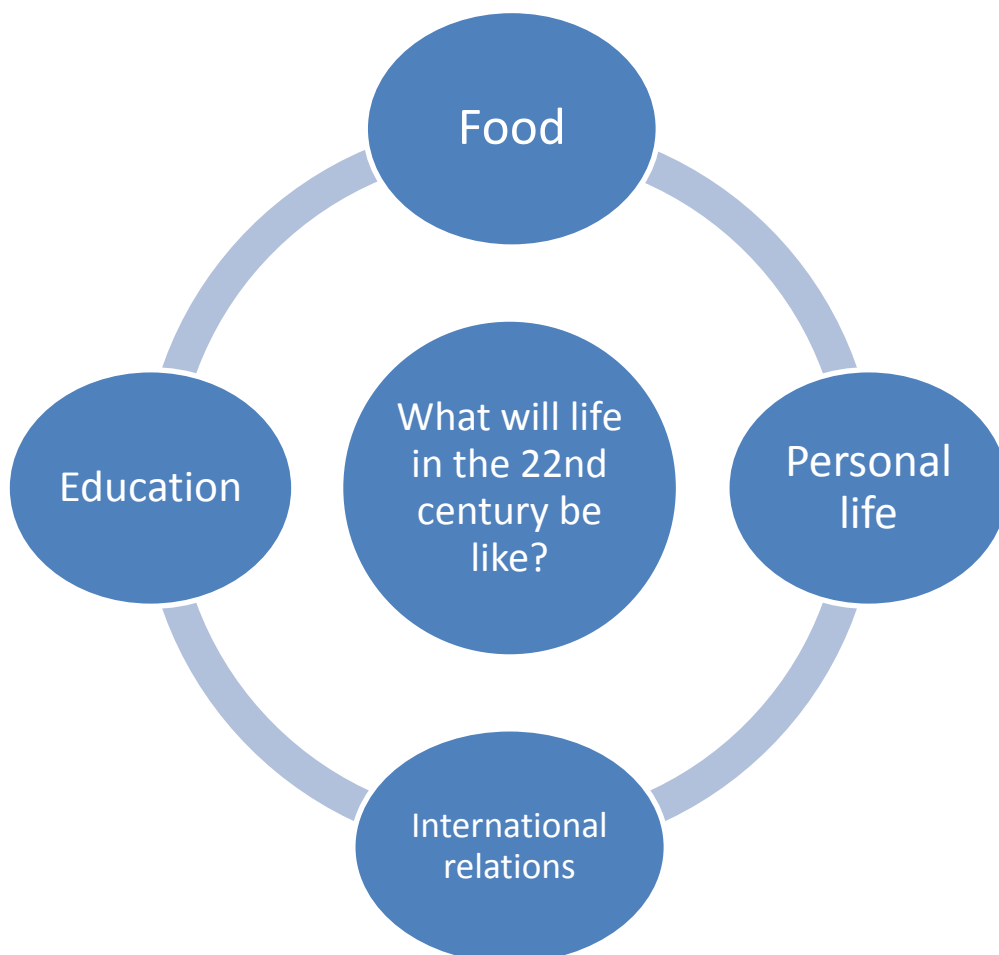
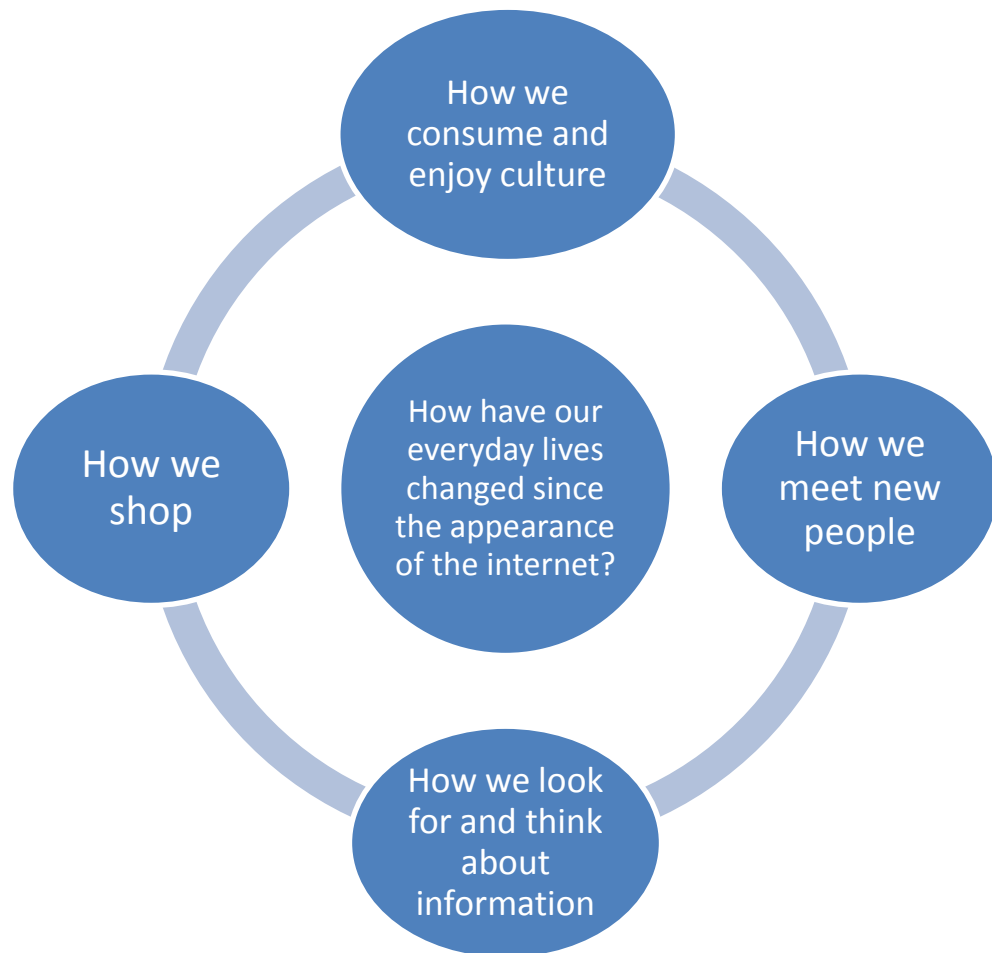
## TECHNOLOGY

Discuss the following questions in pairs:

- Does modern technology reduce or increase stress?
- Is using mobile phones bad for our physical or mental health?
- How does face-to-face communication differ from communication using computers or social media?
- Which social media do you use and why?
- Do you worry about privacy when using social media?
- Do social media promote interaction or turn us into **recluses**?
- What social changes have mobile phones made?
- What is your opinion about children playing violent video games or having access to adult content online?
- At what point does the internet become an addiction rather than a useful tool?
- Does the internet help to create a “**mob mentality**” and extremist views, or does it promote solidarity and tolerance?
- How often do you buy things on the Internet?
- Do you worry about identity theft or credit card number theft when buying things on the Internet or do you avoid buying things online because of this concern?

## DEBATE

*‘The impact of social media and the internet on our lives has been negative on the whole.’*



## SPACE TRAVEL

- Do you like films about space and space travel? Why/Why not?
- Do you believe in life on other planets?
- If you had the chance to travel into space, would you take it?
- Do you think “space tourism” will become a reality in the near future?
- What characteristics and qualities should a good astronaut have?
- Should we be spending public money on space exploration when there is still so much poverty on earth?
- Imagine you are going on a voyage into space for three months. You are allowed to take three personal items with you. Which items would you choose?
- Which of the following items would you bring to a new planet:

<i>Guns</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Golf clubs</i>	<i>Tents</i>
<i>Medicine</i>	<i>Computers</i>	<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Boats</i>
<i>Water</i>	<i>Books</i>	<i>Cameras</i>	<i>Tools</i>
<i>Seeds</i>	<i>What else?</i>		

(Adapted from <https://www.allthingstopics.com/space-and-space-travel.html>)

### **Role play:** National Space Committee / candidates to travel on first Galician space rocket

(Adapted from <http://www.onestopenglish.com/skills/speaking/lesson-plans/role-play/exploring-space/550634.article>)

- Qualifications
- Experience
- Interests
- Personal skills and qualities
- “Pitch” (summarise why you are the perfect candidate)

## **PRODUCT PITCH** (adapted from [www.teachingenglish.org.uk](http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk))

**What is your app/invention called and what is it?**

**Who is it for?**

*This product is perfect for...*

*We're aiming to sell this to...*

**Problem – What problem will your product solve?**

*Don't you hate it when.....*

*You know how.....*

*The problem with..... is*

**Features (explain why they are useful)**

*It's..... so/which means.....*

*It has..... so/which means.....*

**The reason to buy it**

*The best thing about this is...*

*The great thing is...*

*What you'll really love about this is...*

**End presentation with a “bang”**

- Summarise key points of presentation briefly
- Reuse a metaphor or image introduced earlier
- Maintain interest and make your final comments memorable (e.g. make an attractive or inspiring promise, invite/challenge the audience to experience something new and exciting)
- Thank the audience