

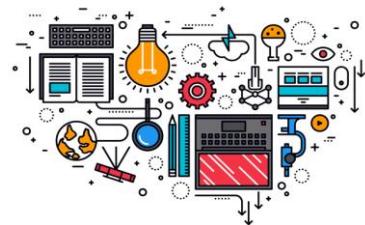
TECHNOLOGY

Conversation questions

A) Predictions

Ten years from now:

1. very few people in the developed word will use credit cards because cell phone payment will have replaced them.
2. people will sit in front of traditional computers much less than they do now.
3. data security will become a huge issue because mobile devices will store so much personal information.
4. advertisers will put their ads on mobile devices instead of in traditional media like TV, magazines, etc
5. we will have got used to ads which target us directly with personalized messages.
6. body sensors connected to our mobile devices will provide us with real-time information about our health.
7. the problem of short battery live will disappear because phones and mobile devices will use more sophisticated power sources, like kinetic energy.
8. cell phones will become very sophisticated, so that in addition to using them as a calendar, address book, and music player, you will also use them as your secretary, accountant, and lawyer.
9. everyone will use universal translators in their cell phones, which will make language learning less necessary.
10. it is unlikely that we will have found a way to use technology to know exactly where people are, because legally it is so difficult.



B. Advantages and disadvantages

1. A cure for common cold
2. A technological fix for the hole in the ozone layer
3. Breeding of extinct animals, including pre-historic ones such as mammoths and dinosaurs
4. Computer chips in your brain
5. Deafness fully curable
6. Driverless cars
7. Free manipulation of your future baby's DNA
8. The end of cash

C. Which would you prefer?

1. A cure for criminality
2. Medicines which improve your intelligence
3. Recording your dreams
4. Robots with feelings