

Topic: Gadgets

Discussion: Ex. 1 p. 30 (Compare 2 pictures)

Ex. 1, 2 p. 30 Make up your own sentences. Read this sentence missing a word for other students to guess.

Write down definition and translation of vocabulary units.

Reading: Ex. 3-6 p. 31-33 Ex. 8-9 p. 34 (groupwork)

Homework: Ex. 11 p. 34

Resources:

“English” for first year students : навч.-метод. посіб. для студ. всіх спец. вищ. навч. закл.
/ І.С. Ковальчук, О.Б. Сивак.

Objective: to activate students' background knowledge

GADGETS



Life is not just eating, drinking, television and cinema... The human mind must be creative, must be self-generating ; it cannot depend on just gadgets to amuse itself.

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Warming-up

1. Work individually. Compare the photographs and say what role gadgets play in their lives? Which way of studying would you prefer?



Useful expressions:

Children in the first picture, and so do the children in the second picture.

One thing that picture A and picture B have in common is that

The most obvious / important difference (for me) between ... and ... is ...

Essential vocabulary

<u>Nouns</u>	<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Adjectives</u>	<u>Phrasal verbs</u>
laptop (n)	to consume (v)	portable (adj)	to plug in
tablet (n)	to increase (v)	up-to-date (adj)	to turn off / on
facilities (n)	to search (v)	versatile (adj)	to look for
<u>Phrases related to gadgets</u>			
Handy gadgets		Full of smart appliances	
To become too dependent on		Rapid technological progress	
To underestimate the role of new technologies in our life			

2. Make up sentences of your own with words and word-combinations from essential vocabulary.

Reading

3. Read the text and be ready to answer the questions after the text.

ARE TODAY'S GADGETS MAKING PEOPLE SICK?

Glossary: **gadget**- small mechanical tool / **malady**- health problem / **to swell up**- when part of the body becomes bigger after injury / **bacteria**- germs / **ailment**- mild illness / **numbness**- torpor / **rash**- an area of red spots on the skin / **pinch**- squeeze / **blurred**- indistinct / **tingling**- stinging

Lots of casual technology users are paying a very high price for the modern conveniences that their gadgets afford them: their health, and, in some cases, even their lives, are in jeopardy. Here you have the examples of some “modern-day maladies” caused by people’s lifestyle and love for gadgets.



Sore Thumbs. The diminutive keyboards on BlackBerrys, and other qwerty phones can damage one's ability to signal approval with a good old "thumbs up." Pain, numbness, swelling and tendinitis are all symptoms of what the American Physical Therapy Association officially recognizes as “BlackBerry Thumb,” caused by overworking the

one digit that separates us from the apes.

A Pain in the ... Hands. Though carpal tunnel syndrome's shining moment in the media spotlight may have come and gone, the ailment is still very much real for many a hobbled keyboard jockey. According to AOL Health, carpal tunnel occurs when the median nerve in your forearm



becomes pinched due to swelling. The effect is numbness, tingling and pain in the palm side of your thumb, index and middle fingers.



Acne and Rashes. According to microbiologists from England's Manchester Metropolitan University, your cell phone is home to more bacteria than your toilet seat – bacteria that can cause very serious illnesses such as pneumonia and meningitis. In most cases, though, a visit from the acne fairy is the worst it gets.

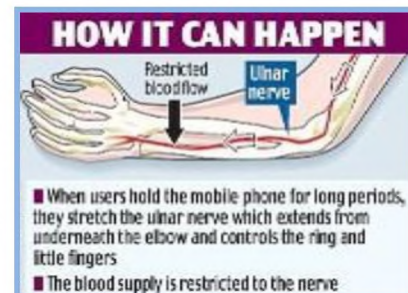
Poor Vision. Missile-locking your eyes to a monitor all day can lead to Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS), the symptoms of which include blurred vision, light sensitivity and headaches. That's because we humans weren't built for computer work.



Addiction. Like just about everything else that's fun in this world, the Internet is a magnet for compulsive types. Whether it's in the form of a poker site, role-playing video games or even eBay, online addiction is estimated to affect between 5 and 10% of the population,

ruining lives and relationships along the way.

Mobile Elbow. Wrist injury experts say that the nerves in your elbow get “stressed” if they are stretched too much during phone conversations. This could result in long-term injuries to your hands and wrists.



4. Read the text again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F) or is the information not mentioned (NM) in the text?

1) Lots of casual technology users are paying a very low price for the modern conveniences that their gadgets afford them.

2) According to AOL Health, carpal tunnel occurs when the median nerve in your forearm becomes pinched due to swelling.

3) According to microbiologists from England's Manchester Metropolitan University cell phone can't cause very serious illnesses.

4) Online addiction is estimated to affect between 5 and 100 % of the population, ruining lives and relationships along the way.

5) Wrist injury experts say that the nerves in your elbow get "stressed" if they are stretched too much during phone conversations.

5. Answer the questions after the text.

1) What health problems can some gadgets cause?

2) Which seem to be the 2 major causes of these ailments?

3) Have you ever felt that a certain gadget was harming your health? In what way?

4) How many gadgets do you have?

5) In your opinion what can people do to reduce the health risks caused by these gadgets?

6. Complete the chart as shown.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
conveniences		
	damage	
effect		
		stretched
addiction		

Writing

7. Write an essay discussing the impact of new technology on your life now. You should also explain what further changes are likely to take place in the near future and how these could affect you. You should explain, giving reasons in support of your answer. Write 220-260 words in appropriate style.

Speaking

8. Think about your answers to these questions.

1) Are there any new gadgets that you really want to get?

2) Give some examples of technology that have made the world worse.

3) Do you like new gadgets or do you prefer to use technology you are comfortable with?

4) What do you think robots should be used for?

5) Why do people like gadgets?

9. Describe an electronic gadget you like the most. You should say:

- what it is;
- when and from where you got it;
- what you use it for;

and explain why it is so important to you.

10. Work with a partner. Discuss the quotation given at the beginning of the Unit 3.

Just following from what X was saying, I also feel ...
While generally agreeing with X, I must say that ...
Adding to what X has just said, I think ...
One thing X didn't mention is ...
Surprising, as it may seem, I don't support X's view on ...
Perhaps it should be also emphasized that ... / it should be pointed out that ...

Home project

11. Make ppt presentation about using gadgets. Describe its advantages and disadvantages.

<p>a microwave</p> 	<p>a dishwasher</p> 	<p>a washing machine</p> 
<p>an e-book reader</p> 	<p>a hair dryer</p> 	<p>a coffee maker</p> 