

1. Discuss the questions.

- What three gadgets do you use most often? Have they changed in your lifetime?
- Which of your gadgets would you like to update? Why?
- What modern technology makes your life easier? What makes it a bit more difficult?



2. Watch the first [<https://youtu.be/DENG7Q7VRgo?t=64>] (from 01:04 to 01:56) and the second [<https://youtu.be/DENG7Q7VRgo?t=176>] (from 02:56 to 04:13) parts of a video and say which technologies are compared.

3. Look at some sentences about the technologies from the video and guess the missing information. Watch both parts of the video again and check your answers.

- a) ebook readers: the cheapest version can hold books in a digital form.
- b) cars: the 1908 model had a top speed of mph. The 2017 model has a speed of mph.
- c) laptops: the first laptop had a-inch screen and weighed pounds. The new models have 13-15-inch screens.
- d) mobile phones: the 1973 model weighed kg and took hours to recharge.

4. Read the sentences and say what they are about.

EBOOK READER

CAR

LAPTOP

MOBILE PHONE

- a) This modern model has a longer talk time than the old model.
- b) It's the best gadget for reading.
- c) This gadget is the most multifunctional of all the objects shown in the video.
- d) This gadget has the biggest screen.
- e) The modern model has a more powerful engine than the old one.
- f) This is the heaviest thing in the video.
- g) Some people say that it's worse for your eyes than the paper version.

5. Look at the sentences from ex. 4 and answer the questions.

COMPARATIVES:

- a) Which sentences compare two things?
- b) Which two letters do we add to short adjectives (e.g. *long*) in these sentences?
- c) Which word do we use before long adjectives (e.g. *powerful*)?
- d) Which word do we use after the adjective when we compare two things?

SUPERLATIVES:

- a) Which sentences compare more than two things?
- b) Which three letters do we add to short adjectives in these sentences?
- c) Which word do we use before long adjectives?
- d) Which word do we use before short adjectives and before *most* + long adjectives?

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES:

- a) Why are these words different?
 - *big*
 - *heavy*
 - *good/bad*

6. Complete the table based on the answers in ex. 5.

	SHORT ADJECTIVES (ONE SYLLABLE)	LONG ADJECTIVES (TWO AND MORE SYLLABLES)	EXCEPTIONS
TO COMPARE TWO THINGS			
TO COMPARE THREE OR MORE THINGS			

7. Complete the gaps by putting the words in brackets in the correct form.

- a) I think I need a new phone. I want one with a screen than my old one (big)
- b) If you want to impress them, buy this tablet. It's one in the store. (expensive)
- c) They upgraded their computers to the ones with a processor. (fast)
- d) My smartwatch has really helped me to be than before. I move more and I'm in shape. (healthy, good)
- e) This is phone I've ever used. The battery is always low and the camera takes terrible pictures. (bad)
- f) Out of all music subscription services, this one is: they have good UI, and the price is, too. (convenient, cheap)

8. Compare the objects in the pictures.

floppy disk



compact disk



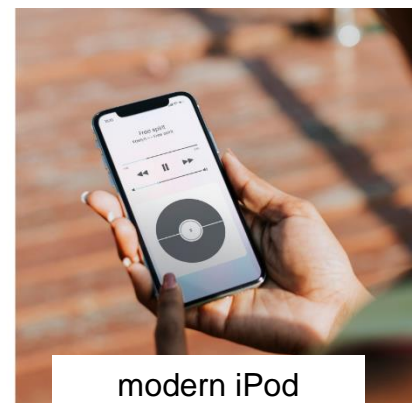
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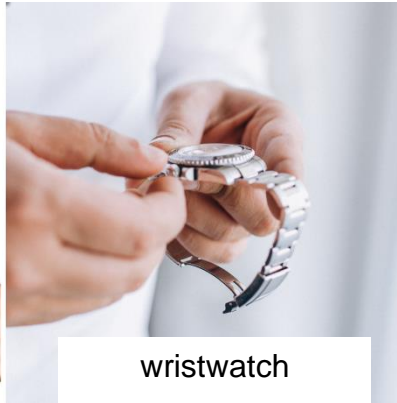
old iPod



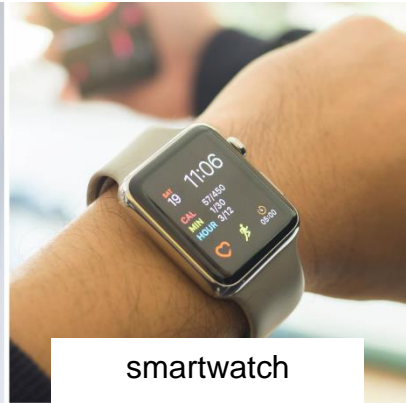
modern iPod



clock



wristwatch



smartwatch

9. Discuss the questions.

- Which of the objects from ex. 8 is the most useful for you?
- Are there more convenient ways to listen to music/store information/check the time?
- Which of the objects has changed the most over time?

10. Play the game. You are going to listen to some clues about an object and must guess what it is. The fewer clues you need to guess the object, the more points you receive.

11. Work in groups. Think of a gadget or some technology that most people know. Create five sentences about it using comparative and superlative structures. Make the other team guess your gadget or technology by giving them clues one by one.