# TECHNOLOGY

B1–B2 Vocabulary Worksheet • Speaking & Discussion

**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

## 1. Key Vocabulary

Review the vocabulary connected with devices, the internet, software, and digital communication.

| Word or phrase | Meaning |
|---|---|
| AI (artificial intelligence) | technology that enables machines to perform tasks associated with human intelligence |
| gadget | a small useful device, often with a clever or modern design |
| smart device | an electronic device that can connect to other devices or the internet |
| wearable technology | electronic devices worn on the body, e.g. a smartwatch |
| VR headset / VR game | equipment for experiencing a computer-generated 3D environment / a game played in that environment |
| freeware | software that can be downloaded and used free of charge |
| internet provider | a company that provides access to the internet |
| search engine | a service used to find information online |
| web browser | an application used to access and view websites |
| server | a computer or system that stores and delivers data or services |
| cybersecurity | the practice of protecting devices, accounts, networks, and data from digital attacks |
| app | a program designed to perform a particular task on a phone or computer |
| social network / social media | a platform for connecting and sharing content / the wider range of platforms for creating and sharing content |
| Wi-Fi hotspot | a point that provides access to a wireless internet connection |
| screenshot | an image of what is displayed on a screen |
| computer nerd / computer buff | someone with a very strong interest in computers |
| techie | someone especially interested in technology |
| technophobe | someone who fears or distrusts technology |
| software developer | a professional who designs, builds, and maintains software |
| user-friendly | easy to understand and use |
| cutting-edge / high-tech | very advanced and at the forefront of development |
| obsolete | out of date and no longer useful or efficient |
| go online / browse | connect to the internet / look for information online |
| upload / download | send files from a device to an online location / transfer files to a device |
| sign in / sign up | enter an existing account / register and create an account |
| attach a file | add a document or image to an email or message |
| back up files | make a copy of data to protect it from loss |
| crash | stop working suddenly or incorrectly |
| upgrade / update | replace a device or system with a newer one / install or apply a newer version |
| video call / video conference | an online call with video / an online meeting with several participants |

## 2. Complete the Sentences

Use each word or phrase from the box once.

**Word box:** gadget • user-friendly • browse • back up • crashed • upgrade • sign up • attach • search engine • wearable technology

1. I use a _____ to find reliable information online.
2. Before you install the new system, remember to _____ your important files.
3. My laptop _____ while I was preparing a presentation, so I lost some work.
4. This app is very _____; even beginners can use it easily.
5. I want to _____ for an online course, so I need to create an account.
6. Please _____ the report to your email before sending it.
7. I usually _____ the internet when I want to compare products or read reviews.
8. A smartwatch is an example of _____.
9. This little _____ tracks my steps and reminds me to drink water.
10. My old phone is slow, so I'm planning to _____ to a newer model.

## 3. Choose the Best Option

1. Which term means software that can be used free of charge?

a) freeware b) server c) screenshot

2. You use a _____ to access websites.

a) search engine b) web browser c) internet provider

3. If your computer stops working suddenly, it has _____.

a) browsed b) crashed c) signed up

4. To send a file from your computer to an online platform, you _____ it.

a) upload b) download c) sign in

5. A person who is afraid of or distrusts technology may be called a _____.

a) techie b) technophobe c) software developer

6. Technology that is very advanced and at the forefront of development is _____.

a) obsolete b) cutting-edge c) user-friendly

## 4. Speaking: Explain and Recommend

Work in pairs. Choose a situation, explain the problem, and recommend a solution. Try to use at least three expressions from the vocabulary list.

1. Your phone storage is full, and it has become very slow.

Possible solution: _____

2. You need to send a large file to a university lecturer, but the email will not accept the attachment.

Possible solution: _____

3. Your laptop has crashed just before an important online presentation.

Possible solution: _____

4. Your family member is a technophobe and needs to learn to use a video-call app.

Possible solution: _____

5. You are choosing between upgrading your old phone and buying a new one.

Possible solution: _____

6. You want to protect your social media accounts and personal information.

Possible solution: _____

## 5. Discussion: Technology in Everyday Life

1. Which gadget do you use most often, and how would your life change without it?
2. Do smart devices make our lives easier, or do they make us too dependent on technology?
3. How much time do you spend online each day? Would you like to change this?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of social media?
5. Do you think wearable technology, such as smartwatches, is useful? Why or why not?
6. What personal information should people avoid sharing online?
7. How can people protect themselves from online scams and cyber-attacks?
8. Should children have their own smartphones? At what age?
9. Is it better to upgrade devices regularly or use them for as long as possible?
10. Could you live without the internet for a week? What would be the hardest part?
11. Does technology bring people closer together or make them more isolated?
12. Which jobs might change most because of new technologies? Why?

**Useful language:** In my view… • One advantage is… • On the other hand… • I partly agree because… • For example… • If I had to choose, I would… • It depends on…