

High technology

Show what you know! What technology words can you remember?

Listening

02
CD1

1 Listen and check (✓) the technology words you hear.



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03
CD1 Listen again.

Who said it?

- 1 Hi, Maria. How are you? (Dan.)
- 2 It's twenty-five after ten.
- 3 I have a text message on my cell.
- 4 There's a new ezine competition on the Internet.
- 5 Let's write something for it.
- 6 Why don't we do our first ezine article on technology?

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Read and choose the right words.

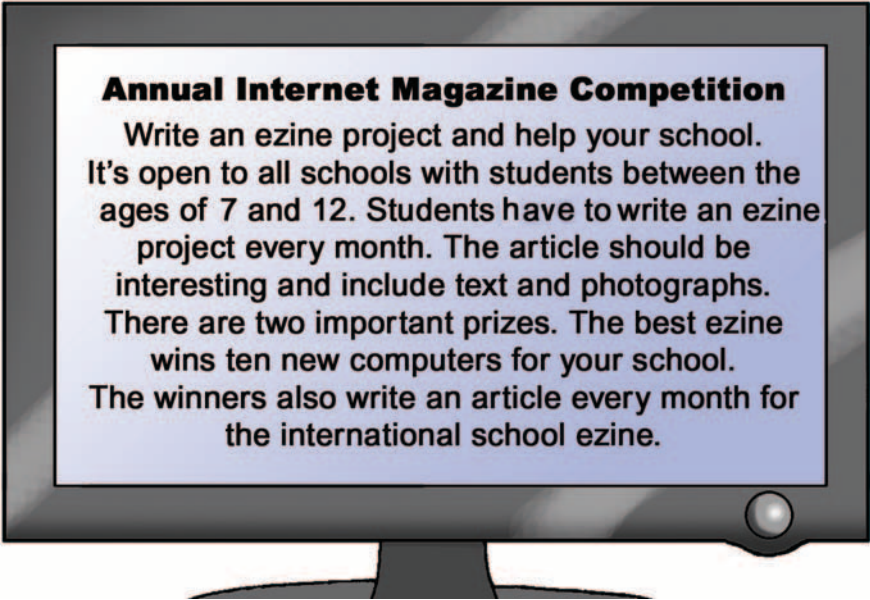
- 1 Alex **doesn't** / **don't** arrive early.
- 2 Why **has** / **is** Alex late?
- 3 The game **starting** / **starts** in five minutes.
- 4 Dan **is** / **has** a text message.
- 5 **There are** / **There is** a prize for the best school ezine.
- 6 The winners can **write** / **writing** for the international school ezine.
- 7 Why **don't** / **doesn't** we write about technology?
- 8 Maria thinks it **sound** / **sounds** exciting.



The game **starts** in five minutes.
I **don't** know.
Where **is** he?
The winners **can write** for the international school ezine.

4 Read and answer.

- 1 What's an ezine?
- 2 Who can enter the competition?
- 3 How often do they have to write an article?
- 4 What should the article include?
- 5 How many computers can they win?
- 6 What kind of ezine do the winners write for?



5 Listen and check (✓) the box.

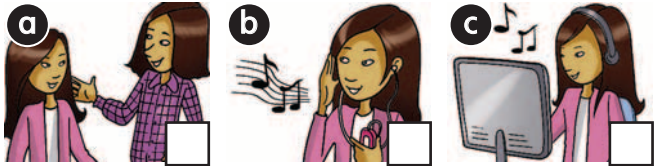
- 1 What's Alex using to write to his mom?



- 2 What are Dan and Maria playing?



- 3 What's Maria listening to?



- 4 What are Alex and Dan looking at?



6 Read and answer.

When we text on our cell phones, we don't use all the letters so we can write more quickly. In a text we don't always put the vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and we choose letters or numbers that sound the same, for example U (you), R (are), C (see), 2 (to, too), and 4 (for). There are some short sentences, too. LOL (Laugh out loud) means "It's really funny." We don't always use punctuation (capital letters, commas, or question marks).

Look at the cell phones. Can you understand the messages? Answer the questions.



7 Write three text messages for your friends to answer.

Reading 8 Read and think. Which is the smallest thing in the photographs?

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Kid's Box Ezine!

home reports games world email

Technology is changing our lives a lot, so this is the topic of our first ezine.

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c



We use technology every day when we communicate and when we study and play. When we talk to people, this is called communication. We can talk in person, on the phone, or through the computer. On the computer we can talk into a microphone. If we want to see the other person on the screen, we use a small camera, called a webcam. We listen through small headphones or we use speakers.

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Today a lot of people use laptops, too. These computers are small and light so people can carry them to different places. A laptop has a screen and a keyboard and it opens like a notebook. The smallest laptops weigh about one and a half kilos, but some people prefer to carry information from their computer on a flash drive, that they can carry anywhere.

We can also write to people when we want to communicate with them. Before, people wrote letters, but today we can write emails or text on our phones. Emails and texts are quicker than letters, but "chatting" is the quickest way to communicate on a computer because different people can write messages at the same time.

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laptop flash drive speakers microphone headphones webcam keyboard chat

9 Listen. Repeat the word and say the letter.

1 Speakers.

Speakers. That's "d."

10 Read again and correct the sentences.

- 1 On a computer we talk into a flash drive.

2 A small computer is called a lapbox.

3 We can use a computer to text.

4 Other people can't hear if we use speakers.

5 We can carry information on a microphone.

6 We can see people with a keyboard.

11 Read and complete.

We use high technology
~~An electronic whiteboard on the wall~~
Or just watch the TV
The keyboard does it all
We watch videos on the screen

We have flash drives in our school bags,

(1) **An electronic whiteboard on the wall**

We have laptops,
headphones, and MP3s.
Hear the future call!



Now we text on cell phones,

(2) _____

We communicate by Internet
And watch movies on DVD.



We take pictures with our phones,

(3) _____

We use programs for a dictionary
To find out what words mean.



Some just play computer games

(4) _____

They don't use their imagination
Or think or speak or listen.



We don't need pens or paper –

(5) _____ !

There are robots in our factories.
Hear the future call!

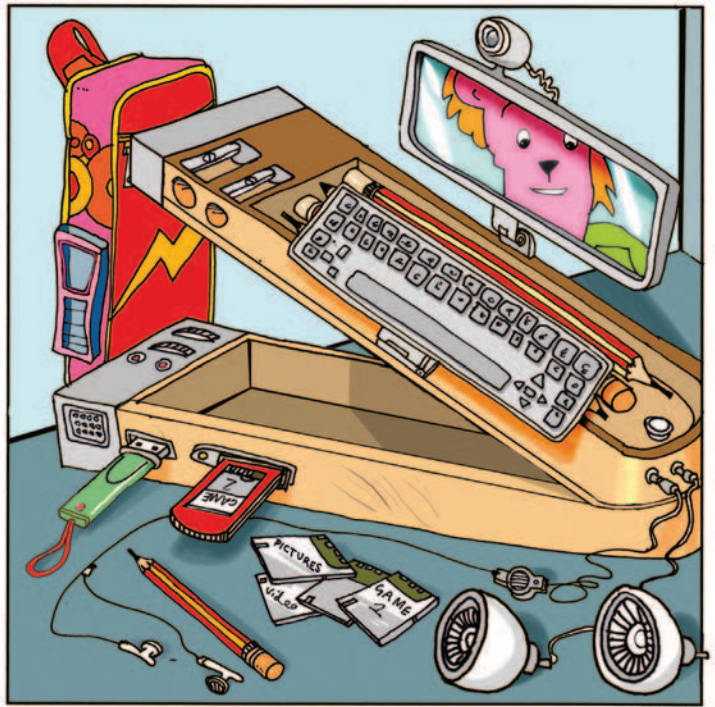


12 Listen and check. Sing the song.

13 Invent another verse.

14 Read and complete.

screen flash drive
speakers keyboard emails
webcam ~~laptop~~ chat



This is my special Techno Box. It's the best
(1) **laptop** in the world. It's small and light
and I can carry it in a special bag. When I open
it, there's a (2) _____ for me to
watch DVDs and read my (3) _____.
I can put a small (4) _____ on
it so my friends can see me when we
(5) _____. I can carry my pens
and pencils under the (6) _____,
that I use to write. My (7) _____,
that goes below the pencil sharpeners, can
carry a lot of information, especially music and
photographs. I can listen to my music through
the (8) _____ or use my headphones.

15 Imagine another invention. Write about it.