

Technology Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

What could be the *most important technological advance of all time*? Give a reason why you think it's important. Here are some suggestions: the steam engine, the printing press, the internet, modern plumbing, antibiotic medicine, electricity.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you excited by new technology? What kinds of technology interest you?
2. Is technology developing faster than it used to? Are you worried about being *left behind*?
3. When you get a new product, do you read the instruction manual? Or do you just *figure it out*?
4. How much time do you spend online each week? Is it too much time, or a reasonable amount?
5. What are some of your favorite websites? What can you do on them?
6. Advances in medical technology mean people are living longer. What are some of the downsides of this? How old do you hope to live?
7. How do you feel if you forget your mobile phone and leave it somewhere?
8. Which electronics brands do you trust most? Are you loyal to one brand?
9. Are you an *early adopter*? Do you like to have *cutting edge* technology? Are there any disadvantages to buying the latest product?
10. Some people dislike or fear technology. Do you know anyone like this?
11. Do you read e-books? What are their advantages and disadvantages when compared with paper books?
12. Is there a tech product you want these days? What is it? How will it make your life better?
13. Do you play computer games? What do you say to people who believe they are a waste of time?
14. What crazy future technology are you looking forward to? For example, *flying cars* or *personal robots*.
15. Which social networking services (SNS) do you use? What do you like or dislike about them?
16. How do you feel about dating websites/apps? Would you use one?
17. Some people prefer to live with less technology in their lives. Can you understand the desire to live *a simpler life*?
18. Many science fiction movies present a dark vision of the future. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of humanity?

