

## MODULE 9

### UNIT 3: LIFE IN THE FUTURE

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Work with your partner. Make a list of words that you relate with new technologies.

How often do you use the Internet? What do you use it for?

Are there any websites that you use frequently? What do you like about them?

Do you trust what you read on the Internet? Why / why not?

Has the increased use of computers and the internet been a good thing (a) for you (b) in general?

What do you prefer?

- Communicating by email or by telephone?
- Buying things in shops or shopping online?
- Writing on a computer or writing by hand?
- Look up information on the internet or in books?
- Playing traditional games or playing computer games?
- Make three other similar questions. Ask your partner.

Do you use a computer regularly? What other electronic gadgets do you have?

What do you think the next technological development will be?

#### YOUR LIFE IN TEN YEARS' TIME

Imagine your life in ten years time. Make five sentences using the future continuous and the following time expressions:

In 2010...

This time in 2010...

By 2010...

Now imagine the world. Make other five sentences.

Compare your sentences with your partner.

#### WRITING

Advantages and disadvantages of new technological devices

##### Vocabulary

Make a list of terms related to new technologies. Include nouns, verbs and adjectives.

##### Structure

Introduction: Present the devices you are going to talk about (iphone, ipod, ebook, etc.) Don't give your opinion.

Main body:

Paragraph 1: Talk about the advantages

Paragraph 2: Talk about the disadvantages

Conclusion: You can make a balanced summary or give your opinion.

##### Useful expressions

**To list and add points:** In the first place, to start / begin with, Secondly, Thirdly, In addition (to this), Furthermore, Moreover, Besides, etc.

**To introduce or list advantages:** The first / main advantage of..., Another / An additional advantage or...

**To introduce or list disadvantages:** The main / most important disadvantage/

drawback of..., One point/ argument against...

**To introduce examples / reasons:** for example, such as, for instance, in other words, in particular, because, since (=because).

**To show contrast:** On the other hand, However, Nonetheless, Nevertheless

**To introduce a conclusion:** In conclusion, To conclude / sum up, All in all, All things considered

**To express your opinion**

I believe / think / feel that..., I strongly believe that..., In my opinion / view..., To my mind...