

Gadgets & Inventions

Before watching

1. Look at the pictures below and write down what invention is the modern gadget derived from.

airplane automobile computer electric light
printing press telephone television vaccination



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

2. Match the words to form compound nouns.

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| 1. microwave | a. rays |
| 2. mobile | b. computer |
| 3. washing | c. oven |
| 4. MP3 | d. camera |
| 5. x | e. phone |
| 6. digital | f. washer |
| 7. air | g. conditioner |
| 8. dish | h. machine |
| 9. commander | i. player |
| 10. laptop | j. in chief |

ANALYSE

A **compound noun** is a noun that is made with two or more words.

They can be *solid* or *closed* (with no space between words that make up the noun), *open* or *spaced*, or *hyphenated*.

3. Now write three sentences using some of the compound nouns above. Pay attention to whether they are *closed*, *open*, or *hyphenated*.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PHRASE BANK

This is my favourite gadget. It's a ...
The most useful gadget for me (at work) is ...
It's about ... cm wide and about ... cm long.
It weighs about ...
I mostly use the ... to ...
It's very useful for ...
I'll show you how it works.

When you use it, you should first ...
It's a good idea to start with ...
This gadget makes my life easier because ...
It makes my life a lot more fun.
It definitely makes my job easier.
I couldn't live without it.
Firstly / Then / Finally ...

While watching

4. Complete the descriptions with language from the *Phrase Bank*.

1. When you use it you should _____ wash your hair with a conditioner.
2. _____ you should make sure your hair is dry before you use the hair straightener.
3. It's a good idea _____ the lowest heat setting possible.
4. _____, when my phone is recharged, all I have to do is unplug it and use it.
5. The best thing about my solar charger is its size and weight. It's about 2cm wide and about 6cm long. And _____ 60g.
6. I'll show you _____. I take the piece of paper I want to photocopy and I place it in here.

5. Order the words in brackets.

1. (my / gadget / This / is / favourite). It's a hair straightener which I just love.
2. This is my favourite gadget, a peeler. It might not seem like much, but (very / useful / for / it's) cooking, which is one of my hobbies.
3. I don't know if this gadget makes my life easier, but (a / it / more / fun / lot / makes / it).
4. (example / for / So), my phone is low on battery at the moment, so I plug it in.
5. (to / photocopier / use / mostly / I / the) copy handouts and exercises for the students.
6. It definitely (easier / job / makes / my).

PRONUNCIATION

We usually stress the first part of compound nouns. Look at the words below and practise saying them with your teacher.

laptop **light bulb** **photocopier**
wheelchair **workshop**

Let's Talk About It!

Think about your favourite app. What is it called? What do you use it for? How does it work? Why do you like it? Does it cost anything to use or download?

Prepare a short description of the app including brief instructions for using it. Use the language in the Phrase Bank.