

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Video Series

Vox Pop - Favourite Gadgets

Amy: This is my favourite gadget. It's a hair straightener, which I just love.

Simon: The most useful gadget for me at work is the photocopier.

Katie: My favourite gadget is this. It's a solar charger, which is portable.

Matthew: This is my favourite gadget, a peeler. It might not seem like much, but it's very useful for cooking, which is one of my hobbies.

Amy: When you use it, you should firstly wash your hair with a conditioner. This helps to protect your hair from the heat. Then, you should make sure your hair is dry before you use the hair straightener. You plug the hair straightener in and wait a minute for it to heat up. Then, you put your hair between the two plates and move down slowly. The heat helps straighten out the hair.

Well, for example there's a heat setting. It's a good idea to start with the lowest heat setting possible. You start on the lowest setting, and if you don't get the results you want, you can higher the setting a little. But be careful because a higher setting can damage your hair. I don't know if this gadget makes my life easier, but it makes it a lot more fun.

Katie: I use my solar charger to charge my phone and my camera. To use my solar charger, firstly, I put it in the sun or the light, and then, when one of my devices is low on battery, all I have to do is plug it in. So, for example, my phone's low on battery at the moment, so I plug it in and wait. Finally, when my phone is recharged, all I have to do is unplug it and use it. The best thing about my solar charger is its size and weight. It's about two centimetres wide and about six centimetres long, and it weighs about 60 grams which means I can take it wherever I'm going, and use it whenever I like. This gadget makes my life easier because, if I'm going out or going away, and my battery's run out, all I have to do is plug it in. I never need to worry about my battery running out.

Simon: I mostly use the photocopier to copy handouts and exercises for the students, so I use it a lot, probably every day. It definitely makes my job easier. It can be annoying when it runs out of toner or when the paper gets jammed, then I have to change the toner or open it up and find where the paper's jammed, but I couldn't do my job without it.

It does have some special features, it can make copies of different sizes, I can print on both sides of the paper, which is useful, so I don't waste paper. It can print high quality colour copies if necessary, things like that.

I'll show you how it works. I take the piece of paper I want to photocopy, and I place it in here. Then, I use the controls to say what I want. I can set it to A3 or A4. Then I press the button, and it starts to photocopy, and I collect the paper from the tray at the back.

Matthew: Before I had the peeler, I used to peel with a knife. It took a lot longer and you often cut off more than just the skin. The peeler is faster and more efficient. I love cooking with vegetables, so I couldn't live without it.