Technology

Warm-Up

Name 10 kinds of technology that you interact with daily.

Vocabulary Challenge

i t h e e c — person who is good with technology

e l t a s t — most recent

e r e s v r e — change directions; go backward

n o r i g a c — something that is grown or made without added chemicals

a t i n c o t i e r n — communication or involvement with something or someone

Idioms and Phrases

early adopter, global warming, artificial intelligence, face-to-face, bells and whistles

I don't care about all the latest _____. I just want something easy to use.

_____ has the potential for a lot of good but also a lot of harm too.

My brother is an _____. He loves to try out all the new things.

In my opinion, _____ is the most serious threat to our world.

Maybe I'm old-school, but I generally prefer _____ interaction with people and I hate those self-checkouts.

Let's Talk!

1. What are some interesting new technologies you've heard about lately?

2. Do you consider yourself to be a techie?

3. Have you heard the term, "early adopter?" What does it mean?

4. Are you the kind of person who loves getting the latest cell phone every year or two?

5. How much influence does technology have on your daily life?

6. Do you think that technology can reverse something like global warming?

7. What are the negative effects of technology on our lives?

8. Do you think that robots or artificial intelligence will one day take over the world?

9. Do you think face-to-face interaction has been reduced because of technology in our lives?

10. What is the difference between technology and science?

11. What are three of the most important inventions of all time?

12. Do you think people should be allowed to clone themselves?

13. What are some advantages and disadvantages of GMOs (genetically modified food)?

14. Are you willing to pay more for organic food?

Writing Prompts

A. GMOs are dangerous. Do you agree or disagree?

B. What do you think is the most important invention of all time? Why?

C. Robots will take over the world one day. Do you agree or disagree?