

# TECHNOLOGY

TASK 1. COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE PHOTOGRAPHS BELOW



## useful vocabulary

- **technological achievements**
- **favourite piece of technology**
- **main technological changes**
- **cutting edge** technology- very modern and with the latest features
- **gadget** /'gædʒ.ɪt/:  
a small device or machine with a particular purpose:
- **to download** music/books illegally
- **social media** : facebook, twitter...
- **a digital native** /'dɪdʒ.ɪ.təl/  
/'neɪ.tɪv/= young people
- who have grown up with laptops and mobile phones
- **the computer age** : we now live in the computer age
- **outdated** = hardware can become outdated within two years
- **cyber crime** /saɪ.bər-/
- A **“technophile”** loves technology. **Geek** ( informal)is another word for technophile
- **“technophobe”** hates technology

TASK 2. WATCH THE VIDEO AND THEN, IN PAIRS, SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.

**Nomophobia** is the fear of being out of mobile phone contact. The term, an abbreviation for "no-mobile-phone **phobia**"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OINa46HeWg8>

TASK 3. SOME QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT.

- What are some of the benefits and dangers of the Internet?
- What is your favourite piece of technology?
- Are there any new gadgets that you really want to get?
- What are the main ways in which technology has changed society?
- What do you think elderly people think of modern technology?
- How have technological advances affected your life?
- Do you think modern technology reduces or increases stress? Why?
- How has technology changed education?
- How do you think face to face communication differs from communication using computers?
- Are you connected to the Internet at home? What do you use your connection for?
- What's your favourite website?
- Do you often buy things over the net?
- Do you use social network services such as Twitter, Facebook or LinkedIn?
- If you do, how often do you use it/them?

TASK 4. JUST FOR FUN.

**Before the computer**

An application was for employment

A program was a TV show

A cursor used profanity

A keyboard was a piano!

Memory was something that you lost with age

A CD was a bank account!

And if you had a broken disk,

It would hurt when you found out!

Compress was something you did to garbage  
Not something you did to a file  
And if you unzipped anything in public  
You'd be in jail for awhile!

Log on was adding wood to a fire  
Hard drive was a long trip on the road  
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived  
And a backup happened to your commode!

Cut--you did with a pocket knife  
Paste you did with glue  
A web was a spider's home  
And a virus was the flu!

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper  
And the memory in my head  
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash  
But when it happens they wish they were dead!