



## Listening

### 1 Using vocabulary: machines and technology

Match the words with the photos.

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| 1. laptop          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. microwave       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. DVD player      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. camcorder       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. washing machine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. palmtop         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. dishwasher      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Walkman         | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Complete the sentences with the words above.

- A: Thanks. That was delicious. Let me wash up these plates for you.  
B: No, it's OK. We've got a .....  
Just put everything in there.
- These clothes still look dirty. I think we need to get a new .....
- Are you hungry? There's some food from yesterday in the fridge and I could just put it in the ..... and heat it up for you, if you want.
- My bag got stolen on the train yesterday. I'm really annoyed because it had my ..... and my favourite CD in it. It's going to cost me about £100 to replace!
- A: So did you get anything nice for your birthday?  
B: Ah, yes. My parents gave me this really nice ..... It was really small and light. It wasn't much bigger than my mobile. It sent e-mails and everything, but I left it at work on Monday and I lost it!
- Now I'm doing all this travelling I really need to get a ..... , so I can do some work on the train and plane.
- My dad gave me a ..... for my birthday. It was kind of him, but now it means I'll have to buy all the films I have on video again!
- A: Are you going to Jack and Diane's wedding?  
B: Yes, of course. They've asked me to bring my ..... and film everything. I'm really looking forward to it.



## 2 Speaking

Discuss these questions with a partner.

- How many of the things in the photos do you have?
- How long have you had them?
- Which make have you got?
- Have you ever had any problems with any of them? What happened?

## 3 While you listen

Listen to three conversations about problems with different machines. As you listen, decide which of the things in the photos are being discussed.

Compare your ideas with a partner. Can you remember what the problem was in each conversation? Listen again if you need to.

## 4 Using vocabulary: problems with machines

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

a funny noise	leaking somewhere
crashing	working properly
it fixed	

- There's something wrong with the camcorder.  
It's not .....
- There's something wrong with the washing machine.  
It's making .....
- There's something wrong with my computer.  
It keeps .....
- There's something wrong with the engine.  
I think the oil is .....
- The photocopier has broken down again.  
They really need to get .....

Now discuss these questions with a partner.

- Can you think of three things you turn on and off?
- Can you think of two things you can turn up and down?
- Can you think of three things that can leak?
- Can you think of three things that make a funny noise when there's something wrong with them?
- Can you think of two things that can be out of order?
- Can you think of three things that run on batteries?

## 5 Role play

Who do you think says these things – someone who works in a shop (S) or the customer (C)?

- Have you still got your receipt?
- Can I leave it with you?
- I'll leave it. It'll be cheaper to buy a new one.
- It isn't working properly.
- I can't promise anything.
- How long have you had it?
- We'll see what we can do.
- How much do you think it'll cost?
- Don't worry. It's still covered by the guarantee.
- It should be ready by the weekend.

Now translate the questions and sentences into your own language. Use a dictionary if you need to – or ask your teacher. Compare your ideas with a partner who speaks the same language as you.

Work in pairs.

**Student A:** Choose one of the things in the photos. You have a problem with the thing you have chosen, so you have taken it to the shop to get it fixed. You will need to decide what the problem is. Ask your teacher for help if you need to.

**Student B:** You work in a shop which sells electrical goods.

Role play the conversation in the shop. Try to use some of the sentences and questions above. Begin like this:

- A: Hi. I wonder if you can help me with this.  
B: What's the problem with it?

## 6 Using vocabulary: I couldn't live without it

How important to you are the things in the box?

calculator	CD player
hair dryer	digital camera
mobile	electronic personal organiser
printer	electric razor
scanner	food processor

Compare your ideas with some other students. Use these expressions.

- I couldn't live without my .... I use it all the time.
- I could live without my ... quite easily. I don't use it very much.
- I don't even have a ....
- I don't have a ..., but I'd like one.

Who likes technology the most? Who likes it the least?