

Tech life

WDYT?

(What do you think?)

Does technology make the world better? How?

Vocabulary: abilities; technology nouns; adjectives

Grammar: can and can't; can: questions and short answers; comparative adjectives; possessive pronouns

Reading: a web page about amazing robots

Listening: a talk about technology

Speaking: giving instructions

Writing: an ad

Project: design a robot to solve a problem



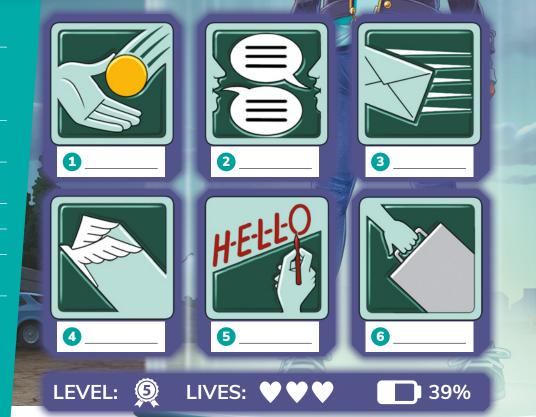
Video skills p7



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Abilities

1 Think of a video game you know where you do each of the actions in the box.

call a friend cook dance play (a musical instrument)
play (soccer, etc.) run sing walk

Play a musical instrument: Guitar Hero™

2	Complete the c	uestions v	with some	of the v	erbs in	exercise :	L.
_	Complete the C	luestions i	with some	or the v	einz iii	exel cise	4

1	Which people in your family dinner?
2	Do you the piano, the guitar or another musical instrument?
3	Do you songs in the shower?
4	How fast can you 100 meters?
5	Which do you prefer to: tennis or hockey?
6	Do you usually your friends or text them?



5 🕩 Add the missing verbs in the quiz and circle the correct option. Then listen and check.





3 Cook at the symbols from a video game. What abilities do the characters have? Match abilities 1–14 with the words in the box.

add carry catch clean climb fly jump repair send speak spell talk tell stories wash

- 4 Circle the correct option.
 - **1 talk/jump** to your friend
 - 2 clean/speak a language
 - 3 repair/wash your face
 - **4 climb/jump** a mountain
- 5 spell/tell stories to your little cousin
- 6 add/carry numbers
- 7 fly/send a plane
- 8 add/repair a bike
- **9 carry/jump** into a swimming pool





- **6** Watch the video. What does the narrator make?
- **7** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Why do people watch 'how to' videos like this?
 - **2** Why do we only see the vlogger's hands in this video?
 - **3** Videos are a great way to learn how to make things.' Do you agree or disagree?

Reading and critical thinking



A web page

Work in pairs. Write all the ability verbs and phrases you can remember. You have one minute!

add numbers, ...

Work in pairs. What are the similarities and differences between the photos?





3 Look at the photos on the web page. Which abilities in exercise 1 do you think each robot has? Then read the text quickly and check.

I think robot A runs.

Really? I don't. But I think it walks.

Subskill: Reading for specific information

Before you read again, write words you think are in the text to help you find information, e.g. car, kitchen, piano, parts.

4 N2 Read and listen to the web page.

Complete the table with the names and abilities of the robots in the article.

Robot	Abilities

100 miles	

CELEBRITY CORNER

Oscar Isaac and robot BB-8 work together in *Star Wars: the Last Jedi.* Which other robots are in *Star Wars?*

5	Are the sentences true or false? Correct th	16
	false sentences.	

- 1 Walker can move in different ways.
- 2 The Moley Robotic Kitchen has a body.
- 3 The Moley Robotic Kitchen only cooks meals.
- 4 Lindsey works in a café.
- **5** Most robots are cheap.
- **6** Nybble costs less than other robots.

6 Word work Match the definitions to the words in bold in the text.

1	a person who helps visitors and gives information	
2	an adjective that means you want to eat	
3	an animal that lives in your home as part of your family	
4	people who buy things in stores	
5	have a particular price	
6	you use these to walk up and down in a building	

7 Complete the sentences with words from exercise 7.

1	We don't have a; Mom doesn't like animals.
2	A: How can I go up to the clothes department?
	B: The are over there.
3	I'm very Why don't we get a sandwich?
4	This bike \$800 – it's very expensive.
5	There aren't any in the stores today.
6	I'd like to visit the old part of town. Why don't
	we go with a?

CRITICAL THINKING





- 1 Remember Which of the robots in the text do you think are useful?
- 2 Analyze Which of these things are advantages of robots? Which are disadvantages?
- a Robots cost a lot of money.
- **b** Robots learn quickly.
- c Robots don't get tired.
- **d** Robots can do dangerous or boring jobs.
- **e** Robots can become more intelligent than people.
- f Robots can't do a lot of things that people
- **Solution Evaluate** What do you think: is it a good idea to have robots? Why?

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There are many different types of robots today – here are four of our favorites.

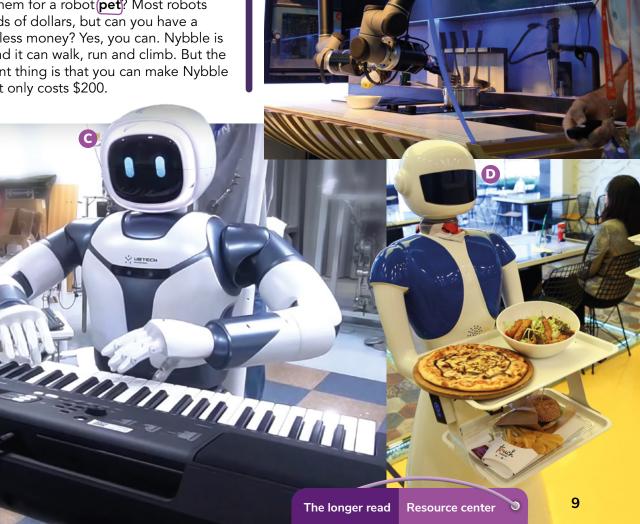
Our first robot is Walker. What can Walker do? Well, he can walk, of course, but Walker can also dance, climb **stairs** and prepare drinks. He also has some cool musical abilities: he can't sing, but he can play the piano!

It's dinner time and you're feeling (hungry). You'd like to eat your favorite spaghetti dish, but you don't want to cook today. What can you do? You can use the Moley Robotic Kitchen. These robot arms can prepare your favorite meal and then clean the kitchen while you eat!

And this is not the only working robot. Visit Lincoln Museum in England and you can meet a robot guide: Lindsey. She answers visitors' questions and gives information about the things in the museum. And there's a café in Istanbul where robot waiters serve the customers!

If your parents don't want an animal in the house, why not ask them for a robot **pet**? Most robots **cost** thousands of dollars, but can you have a robot pet for less money? Yes, you can. Nybble is a robot cat and it can walk, run and climb. But the most important thing is that you can make Nybble yourself and it only costs \$200.





can and can't

1 Read the examples and add them to the table.

You can meet a robot guide. Walker can't sing.

Affirmative/Negative						
Subject	can	base form				
She	can	play the guitar.				
1	2	3				
Subject	can't (cannot)	base form				
They	can't	swim.				
4	5	6				

- **2** Circle the correct option to complete the rules.
 - 1 After can, we use/don't use another verb.
 - 2 We use the infinitive with/without to after can.
 - 3 After he/she/it, can ends/doesn't end in -s.
 - **4** We form the negative with **don't can/can't** + base form.
- **3** Write affirmative and negative sentences with the information in the table.

	speak French	drive a car	cook a meal
1	(+)	(-)	(-)
You	(-)	(-)	(+)
Joel	(-)	(+)	(-)
Lisa and Joe	(+)	(-)	(-)

I can speak French.

4 Complete the text with *can/can't* and the verbs in parentheses.



In the robot band Z-Machines, Ashura plays the drums. He (talk -) to his fans, but (play +) very well he **2** because he's got 22 arms! The guitarist, (sing +) and he Mach, 3 (make +) the same sound as eight human musicians because he's got 78 fingers! The (write -) music, robots 5 _ (play +) and but they 6 never get tired!

can: questions and short answers

5 Read the examples and add them to the table.

What can Walker do?

Can you have a robot pet? Yes, you can.

Yes/No questions						
Can	subject	ubject base form?				
Can	he	fly a plane?				
1	2	3				
Yes/No,	subject	can/can't				
No,	he	can't.				
4	5	6				
Wh- questions						
Question word	can	subject base form?				
What sport	can	you	play?			
7	8	9	10			

- **6** Write complete questions.
 - 1 play a musical instrument? What instrument / play? Can you play a musical instrument? What instrument can you play?
 - **2** run 100 meters? How fast / run / it?
 - **3** cook? What type of food / cook?
 - **4** your best friend / speak another language? Which language / speak?
 - **5** your mom or dad / play a video game well? Which game / play?
- Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 6.
- 8 Answer the question to solve the Brain teaser.



Technology nouns; adjectives

1 Match objects A–H in the photos with the words in the box.

camera charger keyboard laptop screen speaker tablet touchpad

DEALS TV & AUDIO COMPUTING GAMING CAMERAS PHONES

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I use my brother's laptop.

I use a laptop, but I never use a tablet.

- 3 Match adjectives 1–4 with their opposites a–d.
 - 1 cheap
- **a** slow
- **2** difficult
- **b** light

3 fast

- **c** expensive
- 4 heavy
- **d** easy
- 4 Describe the objects in exercise 1 using the adjectives in exercise 3.

The laptop is fast.

A talk

5 Look at photos 1–3. What are the objects? What do you think they can do?







- 6 (3) 3 Listen to a talk about technology. The speaker talks about the objects in exercise 5. Write the order that he talks about them.
- ► Subskill: Completing a table

Sometimes you need to choose more than one answer. Keep listening to all the information.

7 Complete the table. Listen again and check all the things that you can do with each object.

You can	Watch	Camera	Keyboard
wear it	/		
talk to friends			
watch movies			
walk and write messages			
take photos			
use the internet			
make videos			

Work in pairs. Which object in exercise 5 would you like to have? Say why.

I'd like the keyboard. I write a lot of messages.

Really? I'd like the ...

Comparative adjectives

1 Read the examples. Circle the correct option to complete the rules.

This camera is smaller than a golf ball. This is better than a phone. The screen is bigger. An old camera is heavier than a new camera. New technology isn't more expensive.

- 1 We use comparative adjectives to compare two/three or more things.
- 2 After comparative adjectives, we use *that/than*.
- **2** Write the comparative adjectives and adjectives in exercise 1.

smaller – small

- 3 Match rules a-e with the comparative adjectives in exercise 2.
 - a two-syllable adjectives ending in -y → -y + -ier
 - **b** one-syllable adjectives → + -er
 - c adjectives with two or more syllables → more + adjective
 - **d** some adjectives have an irregular comparative bad – worse
 - e one-syllable adjectives ending in one vowel + one consonant (but not ending in -w or -y) → double the final consonant + -er
- 4 Write the comparative form of the adjectives in the box.

beautiful cheap difficult easy fast light new old slow thin

beautiful – more beautiful

5 Write sentences to compare the two objects.



1 The laptop is heavier than the tablet.

Possessive pronouns

6 Read the examples. Match subject pronouns 1-6 with the possessive pronouns.

I use mine to talk to friends. (= my phone) Their camera is better than **ours**. (= our camera)

Possessive pronouns						
hers	his	mine	ours	theirs	yours	

1 | 2 you 3 he 4 she 5 we 6 they 1 I – mine

- 7 Complete the sentences with possessive pronouns.
 - 1 Is this your tablet? It isn't ______. Maria has a tablet like that. Perhaps it's
 - 2 That's Toni and Ben's computer. And the charger is _____, too.
 - 3 I don't have a laptop, but my dad has one. I often
 - 4 I really like your phone. My phone is old, but is new.
- **8** Circle the correct option.

GRAMMAR ROUND-UP

Madhav Lavakare 1 is/are a teenager from India. He 2 go/goes to school every day, and he also invents things using technology. He 3 has/have some great ideas!

These glasses are one of them. They're for people who can't hear! There 4 's/are a small computer on the glasses. When a person speaks, the words appear on a screen in front of the glasses, and the deaf person can 5 read/to read them.

Madhav makes 6 theirs/his glasses with a 3D printer, so they're 7 more cheap/ cheaper than similar technology. This means that 8 any/a lot of deaf people in India can buy them.

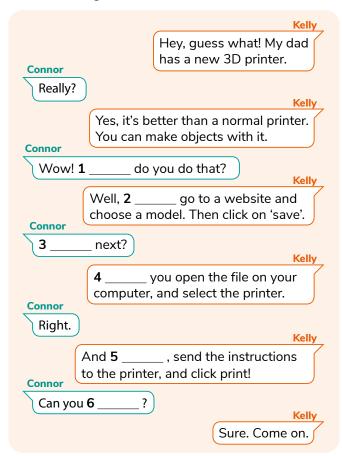






Giving instructions

- 1 Work in pairs. What can you do? Is it easy or difficult?
 - 1 make a website 3 share photos on social media
 - 2 use a 3D printer 4 download an app
- 2 Match instructions 1–4 with pictures A–D.
 - 1 Click on 'save'. 3 Go to a website.
 - **2** Press 'print'. **4** Open a file.
- Watch the video. What are the instructions for?
- 4 Watch again. Which Key phrases do you hear?
- 5 Complete the dialogue with the Key phrases. Watch again and check.













6 Create your own dialogue. Follow the steps in the Skills boost.

SKILLS BOOST

THINK

Choose instructions to write. Choose one of the options in exercise 1 or use your own idea.

PREPARE

Prepare a dialogue. Include Key phrases for asking for and giving instructions.

How do you ...?

PRACTICE

Practice your dialogue. Take turns to ask for and give instructions.

PERFORM

Act out your dialogue for the class.

- **7** Peer review Listen to your classmates and answer the questions.
 - **1** Are the instructions clear?
 - 2 How many Key phrases do they use?

Key phrases

Asking for instructions:

How do you ... (make an object on a 3D printer/make a website/share photos ...)?

What's next?

Can you show me?

Giving instructions:

First, (go to) ...

Then, (click on) ...

Next, (open) ...

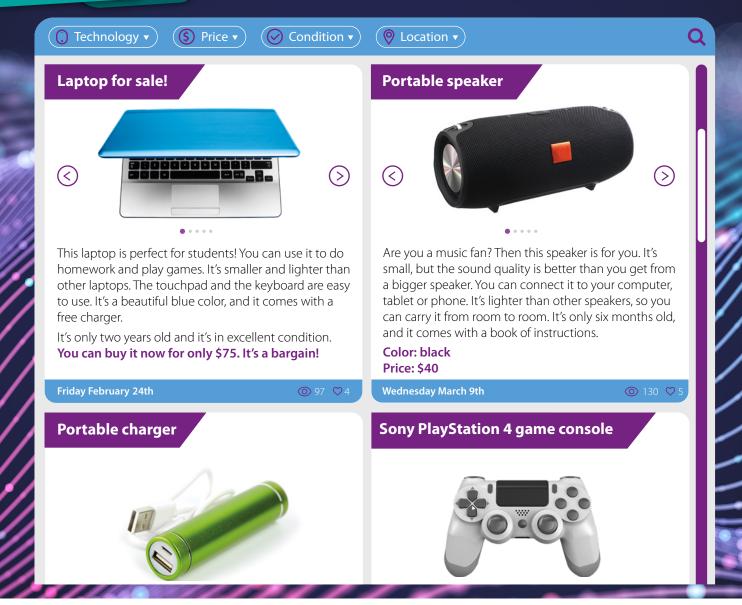
(And) finally, (click) ...



My dad has a new 3D printer. (US) \rightarrow My dad's got a new 3D printer. (UK)

Click print! (US) → Press print! (UK)





An ad

- 1 Work in pairs. Answer the questions.
 - **1** What are the objects in the photos?
 - 2 What type of website is this?
- 2 Read the ads. Would you like to buy one of these things? Why/Why not?
- **3** Read the ads again. Complete the table for the laptop and the speaker.

	Laptop	Speaker
Who is the object good for?		
What are the good things about it?		
What color is it?		
How old is it?		
What is the price?		

Subskill: Spelling

It's important to use correct spelling when you write. Think about:

- silent letters, e.g. cam(e)ra
- double letters, e.g. thinner
- pronunciation and spelling, e.g. cheap /i/, screen /i/
- 4 Olose your books. Listen and write the words you hear.
- **5** Find the words in the ads and check their spelling.
- **6** Correct one spelling mistake in each sentence.
 - 1 This phone isn't dificult to use.
 - **2** The speakers are forteen years old.
 - **3** You can write to me at this adress.
 - **4** This laptop is heavyer than other laptops.
 - **5** You can take fotos with this phone.

Quick review

7 Write an ad for an object you want to sell. Follow the steps in the Skills boost.

SKILLS BOOST



THINK

Choose an object to sell. You can use one of the objects in exercise 1 or another object, e.g. a cell phone, a tablet, a bike, a bag.

1 Make notes about the object. Answer the

PREPARE

	questions in exercise 3.					
	It's a phone.					
	It's good for students, for					
2	Look at the ad in exercise 2. Find phrases that you can use in your ad.					
	for sale!					
	It's in excellent condition.					

WRITE

Write your ad. Remember to use:

- can/can't
- adjectives to describe the object
- comparatives

CHECK

Read your ad. Answer the questions.

- Do you say what you can do with this object?
 Do you compare the object to other similar objects?
- 3 Is your spelling correct?

8	Peer review	Work in groups. Read your
	classmates' ad	s. Which object do you want to
	buy? Why?	

Grammar

can and can't

We use can/can't to talk about ability.

After *can/can't*, we use the base form of the verb without *to*. There's no *-s* with *he/she/it*.

He can sing.

I can't fly a plane.

Questions and short answers

To make a question, use: (Question word) + can + subject + base form.

Can you draw? Yes, I can./No, I can't. What can you do?

Comparative adjectives

We use comparative adjectives to compare two things.

After comparative adjectives, we use than.

This phone is **smaller than** that phone.

This printer is more expensive than other printers.

To make a comparative adjective:

For one-syllable adjectives, add -er smaller, lighter

For most one-syllable adjectives ending in consonant + vowel + consonant (not ending in -w), double the final consonant and add -er bigger, hotter, thinner

For two-syllable adjectives ending in -y, omit the y and add -ier heavier, easier

For adjectives with two or more syllables, use *more* + adjective *more* expensive, *more* difficult

Some adjectives have irregular comparative forms $good \rightarrow better, bad \rightarrow worse$

Possessive pronouns

We use a possessive pronoun to talk about possession when there is no noun after it.

Is this David's phone? No, it's **mine**. Is that Katy's laptop? Yes, it's **hers**.

Subject pronoun	I	you	he	she	we	they
Possessive	mine	yours	his	hers	ours	theirs
pronoun						

Vocabulary

◄୬₅ Abilities

add, call a friend, carry, catch, clean, climb, cook, dance, fly, jump, play (a musical instrument), play (soccer), repair, run, send, sing, speak, spell, talk, tell stories, walk, wash

◄୬6 **Technology nouns**

camera, charger, keyboard, laptop, screen, speaker, tablet, touchpad

◆)7 Adjectives

cheap, difficult, easy, expensive, fast, heavy, light, slow





Does technology make the world better? How?

TASK: Design a robot to solve a problem.

Learning outcomes

- 1 I can design a robot and explain the problem that it solves.
- 2 I can find new solutions to problems.
- 3 I can use appropriate language from the unit.

Graphic organizer → Project planner p60

1 Watch a video of students practicing their presentation. What problem does the robot solve?



STEP 1: THINK ••••

2 Complete the notes. Write the phrases in the box in the correct place.

in her kitchen David's grandmother, Elena she's short and can't get things from high places when she wants to cook a meal

THE PROBLEM

Who? 1 __

Where? 3

What? 2_

When? **4** _____

3 How does Long Arm Luke solve the problem? Match 1–4 with a–d.

- **1** Elena can give
- 2 It's small and moves
- **3** It's plastic and it's lighter
- 4 It's easier for Elena to get things and
- **a** than other robots.
- **b** instructions and the robot helps.
- **c** she's more independent.
- d on wheels.

STEP 2: PLAN ••••

- 4 Work in groups of three. Think of a problem and make notes. Use the questions in exercise 2 to help you.
- **5** Read the tips in the Super skills box and practise saying the Key phrases with your group.

CREATIVITY





Finding new solutions to problems

Tips

Work together and listen to everyone's ideas.

Use your imagination.

Remember – your ideas need to solve the problem!

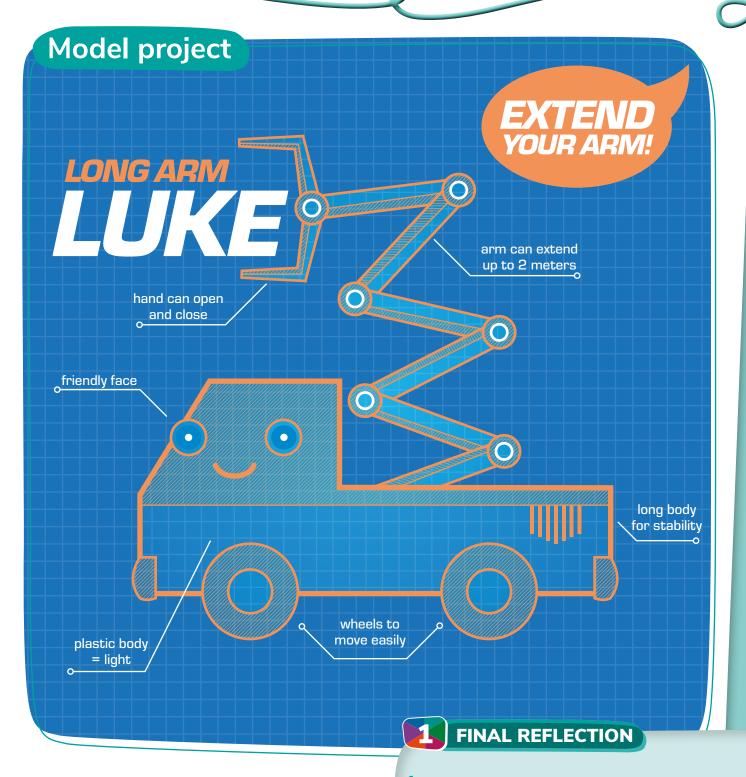
Key phrases

What do you think? Don't forget ...
Let's listen to (Jon). That's a good idea.
Why don't we (+ verb)? That's great!

6 Work together to design a robot that can solve your problem. Use the tips and Key phrases in the Super skills box.

STEP 3: CREATE

- **7** Read the *How to ...* tips on p60 and prepare your presentation.
 - Slide 1: Explain the problem.
 - Slide 2: Introduce your robot.
 - Slide 3: Give more information, e.g. a description of the robot's abilities.
 - Slide 4: Say how it solves the problem.



STEP 4: PRESENT •••

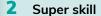
8 Peer review Give your digital presentation and listen to other groups' presentations.
As you listen, answer the questions.

- **1** Do you think the robot is a good solution to the problem?
- **2** Ask a question about the robot.
- **3** What differences are there between your robots?

1 The task

Is the digital presentation clear and attractive?

Can you explain your robot clearly?



Do you find new solutions to the problem? Give examples.

3 Language

In your presentation, do you use language from the unit? Give examples.







