# TECHNOLOGY

## Before the discussion

Do you know the following words and phrases?

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| gadget | tech |
| social media | techie |
| privacy | geek |
| efficient | device |
| artificial intelligence | apps |

## Understanding different viewpoints

We asked three students from around the world to talk about the pros and cons of technology. Here are their replies.

**Po Cheng**

*"**I just love bright shiny gadgets.** I'm always the first in line to buy one when they come out! Technology is great! Imagine all the things you can do on the Internet these days – banking, shopping, connecting with friends. I even work from home. Soon, I'll never need to leave the house!"*

**Adriana**

*"**It might seem old-fashioned to say this, but I miss the days when people really talked to each other**. Now, when I go out with my friends, they spend half the time looking at their phones or their iPads. Recently, I went out to dinner with my boyfriend and he was on Facebook and Twitter for the whole meal. It was the worst date I've ever had!"*

**Sven**

*"Technology definitely makes things faster and easier. For example, you can put a GPS system in your car and you'll never get lost again. **On the other hand, I use Facebook a lot and I worry about my privacy.** Sometimes my friends post pictures of me that I wouldn't want my parents to see!"*

## Discussion

1 Are you good with technology?
2 What are the pros and cons of modern technology?
3 What is your favorite gadget?
4 How was life different before the Internet and Smartphones?
5 What is your favorite website?
6 Would you like to work in the field of IT?
7 Do you ever worry about your privacy when online?
8 Apart from computer technologies, what are some other inventions that have had an impact on our lives?
9 Do you think people will ever live on Mars?
10 What would you like to see invented in the next decade?