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LOG ON

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

ELBERT HUBBARD (1856–1915),
AN AMERICAN WRITER AND PHILOSOPHER

UNIT LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Vocabulary:

- Show what you know – using computers
- collocations to do with Internet use
- health issues
- collocations in set phrases
- electronic communication
- what the body does
- Word in focus – on

Grammar:

- advanced passive forms
- passive reporting verbs

Listening:

- a news report and conversations about problems with technology
- multiple choice

Reading:

- an article about wearable technology
- multiple choice

Speaking:

- clarification

Writing:

- a 'for and against' essay

FOCUS EXTRA

- Grammar Focus pp. 138–140
- WORD STORE booklet pp. 14–15
- Workbook pp. 92–105 or MyEnglishLab
- MP3s – www.english.com/focus

7.1 Vocabulary

Collocations to do with Internet use • Health issues • Collocations in set phrases

I can talk about technology and the effects it has on people.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- Write four sentences – three true and one false – about things you have/haven't done. Use verbs and nouns from the boxes.

verbs

attach click download
follow open save send
surf text visit

nouns

attachment e-book email file
icon Internet music photo
somebody (on Twitter) website

I have never visited this school's website.

- In pairs, take turns to read your sentences to each other. Guess which of your partner's sentences is false.
- Look at the title and the headings in the article. Do you agree with the statements? Discuss in pairs. Then read the article and compare your ideas.

TECHNOLOGY: DANGER OR USEFUL TOOL?

1 Technology makes you lonely.

AGREE

Constant access to social media means teens are always aware of what everyone is doing. When they compare themselves to their online friends, they think that everyone else is having more fun, and this can lead to anxiety.

2 Technology makes you dependent.

AGREE

Parents who have trouble tearing their teens away from their device may think they're addicted to technology. **Withdrawal symptoms** experienced by young people deprived of gadgets and technology is similar to those felt by drug addicts who need their drugs.

3 Technology makes you ill.

AGREE

The number of obese and overweight children is rising due to their **sedentary lifestyle**. This can lead to health problems such as **diabetes**, **high blood pressure** and **insomnia**, as well as physical problems such as **eye strain**, **joint pain** or new ailments like **WhatsAppitis**, a **repetitive strain injury** caused by using thumbs for texting.

4 Technology makes you stupid.

AGREE

Technology is making us lazy: why would we think for ourselves when we can google it? Why would we try to work out how to get from A to B when the GPS will plan a route? Our **attention span** is getting shorter.