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LISTENING

Multiple choice

I can understand specific details and speakers' attitudes in informal conversations.

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos. Discuss how these devices and services make our lives easier.

2 **1.32** Listen to three dialogues about technology and answer the questions in your notebook.

- Which of the devices or services in the photos are the people talking about?
- What is their general attitude towards them?
- In which conversation do the two people fundamentally disagree?

LISTENING FOCUS Multiple choice

3 **1.32** Listen again. For questions 1–6, choose the best answer (A–C) and write it in your notebook.

Dialogue 1

- How does the woman feel about contactless cards?
 - annoyed about the way people use them
 - concerned about some aspects of their use
 - surprised about how quickly they have been introduced
- What do they both think about the cards?
 - They are only useful in certain situations.
 - They are less safe than other payment methods.
 - They indicate an attitude that is common in modern society.

Dialogue 2

- What does the woman dislike most about social media?
 - It encourages a superficial form of communication.
 - It's hard to erase personal details.
 - It's spoiling people's use of language.
- What is the man doing?
 - describing how he'd like to change people's approach to social media
 - complaining about a problem he encountered on a social network
 - explaining how to use some social media sites

Dialogue 3

- What aspect of e-readers do the two speakers disagree about?
 - how convenient and practical they are
 - how difficult they are to share with others
 - how they affect the amount people read
- What does the woman dislike most about e-readers?
 - They're addictive.
 - They're heavy and impractical.
 - They're not as special as books.



FOCUS ON WORDS | Verbs

4 **1.33** In pairs, match the verbs from the box with the definitions below. Then listen and check.

cheaper compromise enrich flick through
glare nick savour swipe

- pass a card through an electronic reader = **swipe**
- accept sth undesirable because it's easy = **?**
- make less valuable or meaningful = **?**
- read quickly = **?**
- enjoy in a relaxed way = **?**
- steal = **?**
- shine brightly = **?**
- improve the quality = **?**

5 In your notebook, complete the sentences using the correct forms of the verbs from Exercise 4.

- I think we should have to **swipe** our ID passes to get into school. It's much safer.
- I spend a lot of time with books. I **?** every page.
- I don't like reading on screens because they **?** with a harsh light.
- I think social media really **?** communication – everything is so superficial.
- I don't like shopping online – it **?** security for convenience.
- I am always worried that someone might **?** my phone.
- I like books because you can **?** them before you buy.
- Social media has **?** my life. It helps me to easily keep in touch with my friends.

6 **SPEAKING** Discuss whether you agree with the statements in Exercise 5 and why.