



Reading Activity

1A. Scan the text and match the words with their definitions. (K.E10.8.R1)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Digital Era | a. Technology that imitates human thinking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Platform | b. A group of people living together |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Artificial Intelligence | c. A long period of technological change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Community | d. A system used to buy, sell or share |

Living in the Digital Era

The Digital Era is not a single event, but a continuing period of change. We can divide this era into distinct stages based on how we connected with the world.

The 1990s:

This decade is defined by the birth of the public Internet. 1996 was a key year when the World Wide Web (WWW) became widely available for everyone. People began to communicate online, but Internet speeds were slow.

The 2000s:

This was the age of social media. New platforms allowed people to create profiles and share their lives.



The Emerging Era:

Recently, we have moved into the "Shared Economy," where people buy and sell products via new platforms.



Now & Future:

We are currently seeing the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Experts believe AI systems will soon improve the well-being of communities and the world around them.



1B. Put the Eras in Order. Number the stages from 1 (earliest) to 4 (latest).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Social media platforms | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Public Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Artificial Intelligence | <input type="checkbox"/> D. Shared Economy |

1C. Complete the sentences using because / so / therefore.

- The Internet changed communication, people started to connect online.
- Social media platforms appeared, people could share their lives easily.
- AI systems are developing fast, experts expect better living conditions.

1D. Combine the sentences using who / which / when / where.

- 1996 was a key year. The World Wide Web became widely available.

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- Social media platforms are systems. They allow people to create profiles.

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- The Shared Economy is a model. People buy and sell products online.

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Listening Activity

2A. Listen to the radio podcast interview between Alex and a technology expert, Mrs. Davis. Fill in the blanks. (T.10.8.1)

Alex: Welcome back to Digital Era Weekly! Today, we are talking to Mrs. Davis, who is an expert on (1) habits. Welcome!

Mrs. Davis: Thanks, Alex. It's great to be here.

Alex: So, Mrs. Davis, do we all use the same (2) ?

Mrs. Davis: Not at all! Different generations have different favorites. Let's start with adults. They generally (3) practical gadgets to entertainment devices. For example, many professionals would rather use a high-quality (4) than a tablet for work because it is faster for typing. Also, adults love health gadgets. They prefer (5) to traditional watches so they can track their heart rate and steps.

Alex: That makes sense. What about teenagers? I guess they are glued to their phones?

Mrs. Davis: Exactly. Teenagers, who we often call "screenagers," live on their (6) They use apps which help them socialize. Interestingly, when it comes to gaming, most teens would rather play on a game console than on a PC. Recently, VR (7) are becoming popular, too. They love (8) glasses because they offer a three-dimensional experience.

Alex: And finally, the youngest group. What do children use?

Mrs. Davis: Well, children love touchscreens. They usually prefer (9) to smartphones because the screen is bigger and easier to control. Parents often download educational games for them. However, parents should be careful so their kids don't spend too much time online.

Alex: Thank you, Mrs. Davis! It seems every age has its own (10) toy.

2B. Listen to the podcast again and complete the table with the preferred devices for each group.

Age Group	Preferred Device(s)	Reason / Detail
Adults	1. 2. Smartwatches	• They are faster for typing. • To track
Teenagers	1. Smartphones 2.	• To • They offer a 3D experience.
Children	1.	• The screen is

2C. Listen again and write T (True) or F (False).

- ☐ 1. Mrs. Davis says that all generations use the same devices.
- ☐ 2. Adults use smartwatches because they want to check the time quickly.
- ☐ 3. Teenagers are described as "screenagers" by the expert.
- ☐ 4. Children prefer tablets because they are smaller than phones.




Reading Activity

3. Read the opinions and write the names to the correct blanks. (K.E10.8.R2)

 **Heather**
1 hour ago


I was very shy, so making friends was hard. But I joined an online art group where I met people like me. I believe social media is great for introverts because it helps us socialize.

 **Brian**
1 hour ago

I am a 'screenager' who checks notifications constantly. Therefore, my grades are getting lower. I need to get better marks, so I am trying to limit my screen time.

 **Alice**
1 hour ago

I follow accounts which teach me about the world. It helps me understand different cultures. I also share my photos with people I trust. It is a great way to learn.

 **Dennis**
1 hour ago

I would rather unplug once a week than stay online every day. When I do a 'digital detox,' I feel less anxious. I prefer spending real time with family because it is healthier.

 **Ruth**
1 hour ago

Cyberbullying causes anxiety. I saw bad comments which hurt my best friend's feelings. Now, I follow netiquette rules and I block people who are rude.

- : Taking a break from screens reduces anxiety.
- : Netiquette is important to stop bullying.
- : Social media helps shy people find friends.
- : You can use social media to learn about the world.
- : Constant notifications can hurt your school grades.



Writing Activity

4. Write down a short paragraph about the importance of Netiquette. (K.E10.8.W1.)

Guiding Questions

- What is "Netiquette"?
- Why is it necessary to follow these rules when we are online?
- Why must we avoid writing in all capital letters?
- What happens if you use bad language or argue online?
- Does it solve problems or hurt feelings?
- Why is it important to respect other people's privacy?



Reading Activity

5. Read Sarah's speech and answer the questions. (K.E10.8.R2)

Hi everyone! My name is Sarah, and I am sixteen. Like many of my friends, I am definitely a 'screenager' who is always online. Technology is a huge part of my life.

I prefer using my smartphone to a tablet because it is more practical. It is the device which helps me stay connected with my friends every minute. However, when I need to study or write an essay, I'd rather use a laptop than a phone.

I think following 'netiquette' rules is really important. I never write comments in all capital letters because it means shouting. Also, I try to be kind to everyone, so online communication becomes better.

I also respect people who want to keep their lives private. I never share a friend's photo without asking them first. To sum up, I love my gadgets, but I believe we must be polite and careful digital citizens.

1. Why does Sarah prefer her smartphone to a tablet?

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2. When does Sarah choose to use a laptop instead of her phone?

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3. How does Sarah show respect for her friends' privacy online?

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Speaking Activity

6. Use the speech card below to talk about your preferences in technological devices and explain your reasons.



Speech Card

My Tech Preferences



1. Introduction

Hello! Today, I'm going to talk about my favorite technological device, which is the (name of device). I use it every day for (purpose, e.g., studying, gaming, communication).

2. Stating Preferences

I prefer using a (device A) to a (device B).

I would rather have a (device C) than a (device D).

3. Reasons (Cause & Effect)

I prefer this device because It is very (adjective, e.g., practical, portable), so it helps me to It is expensive/fragile, therefore I

4. Description & Features

It is a device which I usually use it in places where I think it is the best gadget for people who



Take notes — get ready — stand up and speak!