

# 6 Technology

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I have always been a **technophile**<sup>(1)</sup> since I was a kid. When I was only a 4-year-old, my dad bought me the first toy with **electronic components**<sup>(2)</sup>. It was a red racing car that came with a remote control. It took me only 3 days to **dismantle**<sup>(3)</sup> the car to see what was inside it. The components were not much to look at, and my dad was a bit mad when he saw the mess I made, but at least I had fun.

Ever since then, I have gained a deeper interest in **technological devices**<sup>(4)</sup>. How these are made **intrigues**<sup>(5)</sup> me. I always feel the urge to crack open a computer and then put it back together or try jailbreaking an apple phone myself just **out of curiosity**<sup>(6)</sup>. I guess people consider me as **tech-savvy**<sup>(7)</sup>, because many of my friends and relatives seek advice from me when they **encounter technological issues**<sup>(8)</sup>. These are times when I realize how many **technophobes**<sup>(9)</sup> there are in this world. Some people don't even know how to install a simple application, let alone solve more complicated issues. I often have to teach them **the ABC's of technology**<sup>(10)</sup>, but obviously, not many can master it. However, I think knowing only the basics is still better than being 100% **computer illiterate**<sup>(11)</sup>.

- 1 **Technophile** ≈ Tech lover:  
*Người đam mê công nghệ*
- 2 **Electronic components** ≈  
Electronic parts: *Linh kiện  
điện tử*
- 3 **To dismantle** ≈ disassemble:  
*Tháo rời ra*
- 4 **Technological devices** ≈  
Technological appliances:  
*Thiết bị công nghệ*
- 5 **To intrigue** ≈ To interest: *Kích  
thích*
- 6 **Out of curiosity** ≈ To  
be interested in knowing  
something for no reason: *Chỉ  
vì tò mò thôi*
- 7 **Tech-savvy** ≈ Having good  
knowledge about modern  
technologies: *Am hiểu nhiều  
về công nghệ*
- 8 **To encounter technological  
issues** ≈ To face  
technological problems: *Gặp  
phải những vấn đề về công  
nghệ*
- 9 **Technophobes** ≈ A  
computer-illiterate person:  
*Người ghét máy tính và có khả  
năng sử dụng máy tính kém*
- 10 **The ABC's of technology**  
≈ Basic things about  
technology: *Những cái cơ bản  
nhất về công nghệ*

I think it's important for everybody to get a good grasp of what is important for our work and life, among which technology is the most popular and practical. Therefore, if people want to **advance in their career**<sup>(12)</sup> and keep up with the ever-changing world, the first thing they need to do is familiarize themselves with new **technological advancements**<sup>(13)</sup>.

**11 Computer illiterate** ≈ To know very little about how to use a computer: *Biết rất ít về việc sử dụng máy tính*

**12 To advance in their career** ≈ To make progress in their career: *Phát triển sự nghiệp*

**13 Technological advancements** ≈ Technological improvements: *Những tiến bộ về khoa học kỹ thuật*

**1** *Đánh giá mức độ phù hợp của những từ hoặc cụm từ in đậm trong các câu sau.*

1 As a technophile, he tries to avoid work that requires the use of technological devices.

*Là một **technophile**, anh ta luôn cố gắng tránh những công việc đòi hỏi phải sử dụng các thiết bị công nghệ.*

2 Many big tech companies decide to manufacture their electronic components in South East Asian countries because of cheap labor.

*Nhiều công ty công nghệ lớn quyết định sản xuất những **electronic components** của họ ở Đông Nam Á bởi vì chi phí thuê nhân công rẻ.*

3 It takes roughly a day to dismantle that giant machine to repair it.

*Mất khoảng 1 ngày để **dismantle** cái cỗ máy khổng lồ kia để sửa nó.*

4 It is hard to imagine human life without technological devices.

*Thật khó để tưởng tượng ra cuộc sống của con người khi không có **technological devices**.*

5 That boring talk intrigued every employee who was listening very attentively.

*Bài nói tẻ nhạt đấy **intrigued** mọi nhân viên, những người mà đã lắng nghe rất chăm chú.*

6 He just posed the question out of curiosity without any intention of upsetting her.

*Anh ta nêu lên câu hỏi **out of curiosity** chứ không có ý định làm cô ấy buồn.*

**2**

Chọn từ phù hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

- A. Tech savvy                      B. Encounter technological issues                      C. Technophobe  
D. The ABC's of technology                      E. Computer illiterate  
G. Advance in their career                      H. Technological advancements                      I. Technophile

- 1        \_\_\_\_\_ have their own benefits and drawbacks.  
          \_\_\_\_\_ có những lợi ích và bất lợi riêng của chúng.
- 2        Being \_\_\_\_\_ easily deprives people of many job opportunities.  
          \_\_\_\_\_ dễ dàng tước đi của người ta nhiều cơ hội việc làm.
- 3        Being a \_\_\_\_\_ since he was a child, he decided to major in information technology at college.  
          Là một \_\_\_\_\_ từ khi còn bé, anh ta quyết định theo học chuyên ngành công nghệ thông tin ở đại học.
- 4        \_\_\_\_\_ workers are likely to have a good income because they are in high demand by many companies.  
          Những người lao động \_\_\_\_\_ có khả năng kiếm được một mức thu nhập tốt bởi vì rất nhiều công ty cần họ.
- 5        Old people often \_\_\_\_\_ even when they are well instructed by their children.  
          Người già vẫn thường xuyên \_\_\_\_\_ kể cả khi họ được hướng dẫn đầy đủ bởi con cái của họ.
- 6        Not knowing \_\_\_\_\_ can create a lot of inconvenience in your life.  
          Không biết \_\_\_\_\_ có thể gây ra rất nhiều bất tiện trong cuộc sống.

# Practice



## 1. Trả lời những câu hỏi sau với độ dài từ 2 - 3 câu.

1 Are you interested in robots?

(Gợi ý: *technophile*)

Yes, for sure .....

2 What can robots do for humans?

(Gợi ý: *technological advancements*) .....

3 Do you want to take a car driven by a robot?

(Gợi ý: *intrigue*)

I'm totally okay .....

4 Do you often use social networking sites?

(Gợi ý: *technophobe*)

Yes, absolutely .....

5 Do social networking sites have disadvantages?

(Gợi ý: *out of curiosity*)

Sure .....



## 2. Trả lời những câu hỏi sau với độ dài từ 2 - 3 câu.

1 Do you think old people now use the Internet more frequently compared to the past?

→ .....

2 Why do some old people refuse to use new technology?

→ .....

3 What is the best way to teach old people to use new technology?

→ .....

4 What can people use the Internet for?

→ .....

5 What is the most popular technological product in your country?

→ .....



**3. Sử dụng những từ đã học để mở rộng chủ đề sau.**

**Topic 1**

**Describe a time when you had a problem with a piece of equipment (for example: TV).**

- What equipment it was
- What problem you had
- When you had the problem

And explain how you fixed the problem.

**Topic 2**

**Describe an important technological product you bought:**

You should say:

- What it is
- How you use it
- Why you bought it

And why you think it is important

**Topic 3**

**Describe a time when you taught an older person something new**

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who you taught
- Why you taught him/her

And how you felt about it

# Key



## Câu hỏi 1

1 - No, 2 - Yes, 3 - Yes, 4 - Yes, 5 - No, 6 - Yes

## Câu hỏi 2

1 - H, 2 - E, 3 - I, 4 - A, 5 - B, 6 - D



## Bài 1

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### 1. Are you interested in robots?

Yes, for sure. I'm a technophile, so robots have been one of my favorite toys growing up. I'm really excited at the development of artificial intelligence and robots in recent years.

### 2. What can robots do for humans?

Thanks to technological advancements, robots are now versatile. They have domestic uses like cleaning the house and they can do dangerous tasks like rescue missions or space exploration as well. Robots can also be used in the process of manufacturing cars.

### 3. Do you want to take a car driven by a robot?

I'm totally okay to be inside a driverless car. I mean, I will not have to deal with traffic jams or other silly drivers and let robots do all the heavy lifting. Well, this idea really intrigues me!

### 4. Do you often use social networking sites?

Yes, absolutely. I mean, I'm not a technophobe. I use many platforms like Facebook, Zalo and Instagram. I think the main reason I use social media is to stay in touch with others and to stay updated on what is going on in the world around me.

### 5. Do social networking sites have disadvantages?

Sure. The most obvious one, for me, is that it is really time consuming. I know social networking is supposed to be fun, but the fact is I am wasting my precious time watching every video on these platforms just out of curiosity. And if I cannot manage my time well, my study and work may be badly affected too.



**1. Do you think old people now use the Internet more frequently compared to the past?**

Yeah, I think more and more seniors are going online these days. As far as I've noticed, most of them use the Internet to read news and stay connected with their children who live far away from home. Also, applications like Zalo or Facebook enable the elderly to contact their children without paying much. These applications are very user-friendly so the elderly don't need to be tech-savvy to use them.

**2. Why do some old people refuse to use new technology?**

The reasons are varied, but I guess the most obvious one may be that they are computer illiterate. Like my granny, she had to spend many weeks memorizing how to touch her cell phone in order to send a text message.

**3. What is the best way to teach old people to use new technology?**

One of the most effective ways to teach the elderly to use new technology is to leave alone more complicated issues and just teach them the ABC's of technology. If you try to teach them something complicated, all of your words could be forgotten after a day.

**4. What can people use the Internet for?**

Well, I know many youngsters just simply spend hours surfing online out of curiosity, which would definitely be a waste of time. However, there are also people making use of it wisely for learning, working or even entertaining.

**5. What is the most popular technological product in your country?**

I guess it is the computer, simply because this technological device serves as a very helpful tool for us to seek information without having to go to the library and spend hours with a pile of books. There is one more reason why I believe computers greatly help and it is that they offer us easy access to up-to-date information on online news, which is nearly free of charge.



## Bài 3

### Topic 1



I would like to tell you the story about the time I had some technical problems with my mother's phone. I cannot remember exactly when it happened, probably a couple of years back when I was still a high-school student. Anyway, back in the day, smart phones were not as popular as they are now, and owning one was actually something to be jealous of. On my mom's birthday that year, my dad surprised her with a brand-new iPhone 4, which was one of the most advanced technological devices on the market at the time. Although I knew it was mom's, I just loved it so much, all I wanted to do was bring it to school to show my friends. Then one day, I made up an excuse that I needed her phone for some project at school and she actually believed me. I remember the next morning; I couldn't help smiling all the way to school with the phone in my pocket. Needless to say how much my friends adored it, and for me, I just loved being the center of attention. As we were playing with the phone, testing all of its functions out of curiosity, my teacher walked in, which took me by surprise. Next thing I know, my mom's phone slipped out of my hand and fell onto the hard floor. My heart missed a beat as I picked it up, there was no screen crack but the flash-light just kept flashing non-stop. I even tried to dismantle the phone to repair it, but I definitely didn't succeed. I thought to myself: "That's it, this is the end of the world for me." Later that day, I brought the phone home and confessed with my mom. She was furious with me. But it turned out that all I had to do was hit the reset button! This is one of the memories that I could never forget.

### Topic 2



I have bought a number of technological devices, and the most significant one is my laptop. That's a Macbook Pro, which can be seen as the masterpiece of Apple. Due to its astonishing features, this laptop is prohibitively priced and only suitable for well-off people. However, after many months working, I have saved up enough money to buy one. I caught sight of this laptop quite accidentally. There was a peaceful weekend when I was chilling out and binge watching my favorite movies on my old laptop, which was quite run-down and had a lot of technological issues. By chance, an advertisement popped up, announcing a newly-released mobile gadget from Apple, a tech behemoth in the US. You know, as a technophile, at first sight I was mesmerised by its beautifully designed appearance, which was the reason why I was determined to save money for it. This is a

very important tech device to me, as it was the very first thing that I bought without asking for money from my parents. I mean, I just bought it with my own monthly allowance, after many months refraining myself from buying trendy clothes or delicious cups of milk tea to have enough money for this laptop. It also helps me relax, keep in touch with other family members and seek information on the internet. That's why I think this laptop is super important.

### Topic 3



This topic reminds me of an experience when I taught my grandma how to use her newly-bought smartphone. More or less 3 months ago, after my nerve-racking exam season, I was in desperate need of a short break. That's why I decided to go back to my hometown to visit my granny, who is around 80 years old now, and she's also my best friend. The day I arrived at her house, I saw her struggling with her brand new Iphone. She's been long known as a technophobe, so I doubt that she could know how to use such a sophisticated gadget. You know, the elderly didn't have any exposure to technological devices when they were young like us, so this was a big challenge for her. Therefore, I set aside complicated things and patiently taught my granny The ABC's of technology. I told her to jot down every single thing I taught her, such as how to swipe the screen to find her favorite applications, or how to zoom in on an image with two fingers. She wasn't a very quick learner, though. It's quite obvious, as I believe the aging process is doing its job, so I keep repeating everything to her and try not to lose my temper. Well I am also proud to say that I am a self-possessed individual, so after 2 months, she nailed it. I mean, she is now able to make a video call by herself and create her own Instagram account without anybody's assistance. I guess this can be seen as a success for both of us.