

Science & Technology

- What is technology?
- What is science?
- What is the difference between science and technology?
- What are some of the greatest technological achievements?
- What are the advantages of technology?
- What are the disadvantages of technology?
- In your opinion, what is the greatest technological invention? Why?
- What do you think are the three most important or interesting inventions since 1850?
- How about since 1950?
- Do you think pets should be cloned? Why or why not?
- Do you think people should be allowed to clone people or organs of people? Why?
- What do you think about GMO (genetically modified organisms) vegetables?
- Is it better to use natural food although it might not produce as much or should we use GMO crops?
- What do you think about GMO farm animals?
- Would you eat pork from a GMO cow?
- Are you willing to pay more for food that is really organic?
- How much more?
- What do you think robots should be used for?
- Do you think robots will cause unemployment (loss of jobs) in the future or make more work? Why?
- Do you think using cell phones too much is bad for our physical or mental health? Why?
- If you could copy your brain for future generations, would you?
- How do you think face to face communication differs from communication using computers?
- What social changes have cell phones made?
- What are good and bad points of using computers?
- Do you think to stop global warming that the amount of car driving should be limited or changed?
- What are some local ways you have seen to reduce waste and pollution or conserve energy?
- In your life time what changes have you seen in your environment for better or worse?
- Do you think modern technology reduces or increases stress? Why?
- Do you think money should be spent to explore space or is it better spent helping people on earth? Why?
- What is your opinion about children playing violent video games or computer programs?
- What do you think should be done to people who spread viruses, start hoaxes or create spam on the Internet?
- How often do you buy things on the Internet?
- Do you worry about identity theft or credit card number theft when buying things on the Internet or do you avoid buying things online because of this concern?
- Have you used a chat site?
- Have you ever used voice chat?
- What do you think about it?
- Have you used the Internet to learn English or read or talk in English?
- What are the pros and cons (good and bad points) about improving your English by Internet rather than with a teacher?
- Have you heard of the Large Hadron Collider?
- If so, what do you know about it?
- Do you have a smart phone?
- Can you access the internet on your telephone?
- If so, how often do you use it?
- How often do you check email?
- Are you a Mac or a PC user? What are some of the differences?
- What do you think open source software means?
- What do you know about software? What can software be used for?
- Are you a Facebook, Mixi or Myspace user?
- If not, are there websites that are similar to these in your country?
- Facebook often gets in trouble for not having very good privacy settings. Do you think that this really is a big problem?

- How much private information are you prepared to share about yourself on the internet?
- Do you feel comfortable with the idea of Artificial Intelligence (that robots can think)?
- What science fiction movies have you seen?
- Do you think that what you have seen in these movies is possible?
- What was your favorite science subject?
- Biology? Physics? Chemistry? Why?
- Do you remember any interesting, fun or dangerous lab experiments that you did at school?
- Do you think the stereotype of the 'mad scientist' is true?
- Does the potential that science has to change the world scare you?
- How will science change the world in the next 100 years?
- What changes would you like to see science make to the world?
- Do you think that one day science will find a way to make people live forever? If so, do you think that that would be a good or a bad thing?
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- Do you think couples should be allowed to choose the sex or other characteristics of their baby like eye color? Why or why not?