

Course: Advanced

Level 3

Day №30

***If you were to live on an island and allowed to bring only one technological device, what would that be?
Why?***



Technology that changed our lives

- **Technology is evolving at such a rapid pace it's hard to tell what will happen in six months. It's hard to predict what products will make it to the market and which will take the crown and end up as everybody's favorite toy, business companion or home entertainment device.**

Every technology has changed our lives, some of them in manner more aggressive than other.

Can you imagine your life without a cell phone?

Technology is also obviously turning more and more to the fun part of our lives as everything has the tendency to shrink in size but burst with power, be it processing, storage or communications-wise.

The mobility aspect is becoming prevalent for all sorts of devices. Mobile entertainment such as MP3 players, digital cameras, portable game consoles and even tiny projectors that can turn basically any wall into a home theater are a reality for a growing number of users. Everybody is aware of the must-have gadgets that just keep you connected to everything going on around you, be it news, weather forecast, stock changes, etc. Perhaps the most effective and wide spread piece of technology today is the cell phone, many even admitting they are addicted to a cell phone.

- According to a recent study conducted for children's rights group Telefono Azzurro, some 37 percent of Italian children are "cell phone addicts." Irritability and mood swings were other symptoms linked to very frequent cell phone use among the young.

In spite of a slow start and even a slower growing rate in the first years, the cell phones became soon enough a synonym for civilization.

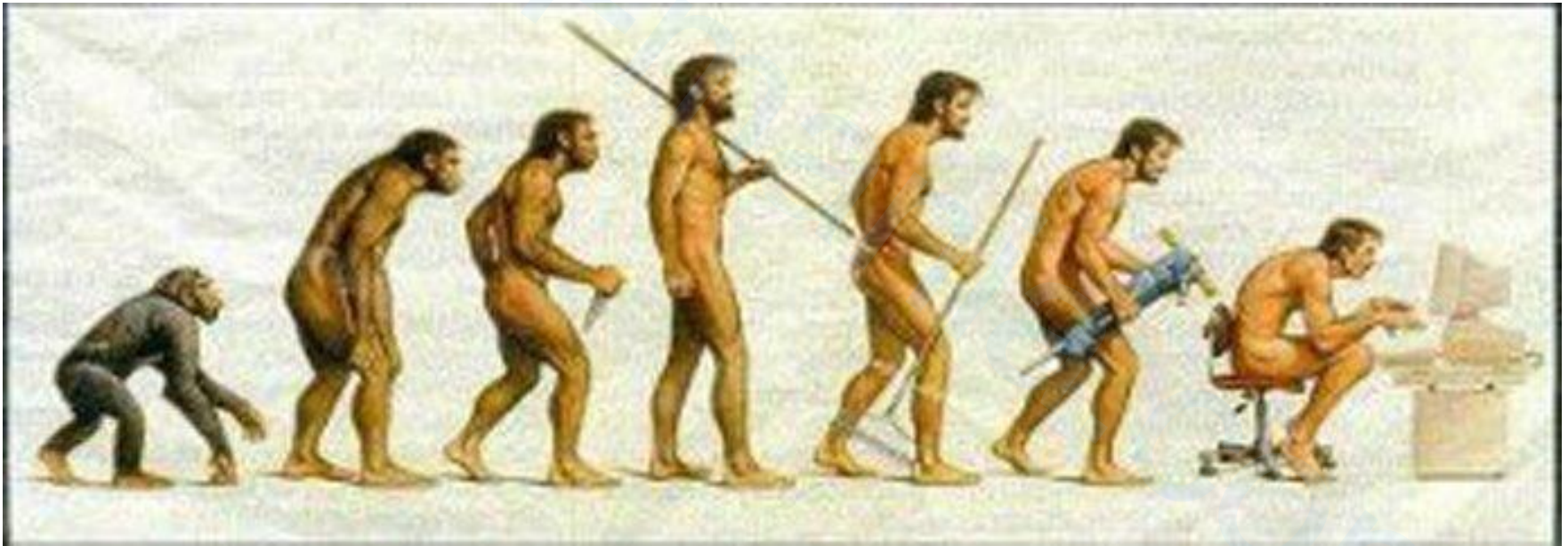
How 'techy' are you?

Do you...	Yes	No
have a computer?		
have a cellphone?		
send text message?		
often go online?		
play online games?		
shop online?		
like new high-tech things?		
search for information on the Internet?		
have a personal web page?		
have online friends?		
have a digital music player?		
have a blog?		



Total your 'YES' Score: _____

How much has your life changed in the last 20 years, particularly in relation with technology?



Make an outline for a TV interview!

- In the past...
- These days...
- One thing that has changed is...
- ...was worse / better in the past because...

1

Your topic: My Grandparents and Me
 Point: What's the difference between your technological dependence with that of your grandparents?

2

Introduction: _____

3

Before: _____

4

Now: _____

5

Conclusion: _____

Get ready for your TV appearance!

- Imagine that you will be featured in a TV show about “Technology Then and Now.” The interviewer asks you questions. Answer him by using any of these phrases:

***Topic: My Grandparents and Me,
On Computers***

Interviewer: What can you say about how your grandparents use computers?

You: _____

Interviewer: How can you compare your dependence on technology today from your grandparents' dependence on technology before?

You: _____



- In the past...
- These days...
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***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***