

## EXERCISES

### 1. Discuss these questions in groups.

- a. Which of these devices do you use?
- b. What do you use them for?
- c. Which of them do you use in the classroom?

### 2. Read the article and choose the best title.

- a. Teenagers and technology
- c. The future of education
- b. Bringing technology into the classroom

Technology has become very important in our everyday life, not least in the classroom. With the help of technology, teachers can produce more motivating lessons, and they can also assess and track students' progress more easily. Here are some of the ways technology can help students and teachers in the classroom:

#### **Interactive whiteboards**

These make lessons more interesting. Teachers can demonstrate pictures or photos on the board. They can point to parts of a diagram or picture using their finger or a pen, and they can save information from the board and share it with students.

#### **Laptops**

Students can use laptops to take notes and do written work. They can help students to be more organised and produce neater work and, of course, they can make sure they spell everything correctly by using the spellcheck function!

#### **Tablets**

Tablets are very useful because they are small and easy to carry around. They allow students to find information quickly, and also collaborate with their classmates on projects.

#### **Smartphones**

Smartphones are not allowed in many classrooms, but actually they can be very useful. For example, students can use them to take photos to illustrate their school work. They can check facts or the meaning of words. Some phones have a calculator app, so students don't have to carry a calculator around with them. Students can even get their phone to remind them to do their homework!

### **Online classrooms**

There are many online courses nowadays, both school and university courses. Students don't have to go to school any more! This can be a good option for students with disabilities or who have learning difficulties. Online courses allow them to study in their own home at their own speed. They are also useful for elite athletes who spend a lot of time training and don't have time to go to school.

The challenge for schools is keeping up to date with all the new technology.

Schools which do well will be those that are not afraid to innovate and integrate the new technology into the classroom.

### **3. Choose the correct answer, A, B or C.**

#### **1. Technology is becoming in the classroom.**

- A. less important
- B. more important
- C. unimportant

#### **2. Are students allowed to take smartphones into the classroom?**

- A. No, not usually
- B. No, never
- C. Yes

#### **3. What are the advantages of Interactive whiteboards?**

- A. You can see them better.
- B. Students can draw on them.
- C. Teachers can show pictures on them

#### **4. Tablets allow students to**

- A. work at their own speed.
- B. work together with other students.
- C. check each other's answers.

#### **5. Why are online courses a good idea for elite athletes?**

- A. Because they can choose which subjects they study.
- B. Because they aren't very clever.
- C. Because it gives them more time to train.

### **4. Answer these questions.**

- a. What are the advantages of using technology in the classroom?
- b. What are the disadvantages?
- c. Do you think technology helps you learn more?

**5. Complete the questions using the verbs in the box.**

Download   ▪ send   ▪ go  
▪ post   ▪ log onto   ▪ share

- a. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ music from the Internet?
- b. Do you ever \_\_\_\_\_ emails to your friends?
- c. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ photos on social media sites?
- d. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ online every day?
- e. Do you ever \_\_\_\_\_ videos with your friends on the Internet?
- f. How many times a day do you \_\_\_\_\_ your computer?