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STEPPINGSTONE TO 7.0

# Vocabulary

## Technology - now and then

### Verbs of cause and effect



# TECHNOLOGY

THEN  
AND  
NOW





**1** Look at the photos and answer the following questions with your teacher:



- Which two items have had the greatest influence on your life? Give reasons and examples.
- How have each of the items shaped people's lives?
- Some people think the wheel and the abacus are the most important inventions of all time. Do you agree? Why/Why not?

Notes:

2 To make nouns from verbs you can add endings like *-ment* and *-ion*, e.g. *develop/development*. For some verbs, the noun form is the same, e.g. *to shape/a shape*. Decide what the noun form is for each of the verbs 1-12 below. Which verb does not follow the patterns mentioned?

1 improve	<u>improvement</u>	7 promote	_____
2 destroy	_____	8 damage	_____
3 produce	_____	9 ruin	_____
4 affect	_____	10 result	_____
5 harm	_____	11 advance	_____
6 enhance	_____	12 deteriorate	_____

3 With your teacher. The verbs and nouns in exercise 2 can be used to describe changes. Classify each verb and noun as a positive change, a negative change, or a neutral change.



1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10
11	12

4 For sentences 1-5 below, complete the gaps using the nouns in exercise 2.

- Advertising companies increase sales through the \_\_\_\_\_ tion of goods on TV.
- Some pessimists argue that love of technology will eventually cause the \_\_\_\_\_ tion society.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ments in technology have gathered pace in recent years as the speed of computers has increased.
- What recent advances have led to the \_\_\_\_\_ ion of cheaper goods?
- Some believe over-reliance on certain electronic devices can lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ tion in short-term memory.

**5** Rewrite sentences 1-7 below so that they contain the verb in brackets. Make any other necessary changes.

*Example:*

The introduction of a cafe and computers resulted in a significant improvement in the library's facilities. (improve)

*The introduction of a cafe and computers significantly improved the library's facilities.*

*The library's facilities were significantly improved as a result of the introduction of a cafe.*

**1** People constantly debate whether television has a positive or negative influence on society. (influence)

**2** The use of mobile phones is having a dramatic effect on the way we communicate. (affect)

**3** Climate change has caused the destruction of many crops. (destroy)

**4** Did the invention of the Internet really do any harm to the way people live and work? (harm)

**5** A series of new software inventions resulted in a sharp deterioration in the sales of certain mobile telephones. (deteriorate)

**6** The use of technology meant that the archaeologists caused very little damage to the site. (damage)

**7** Many people like Einstein and Newton have changed the shape of science. (shape)

**6** With your teacher. Discuss at least one statement or question from exercise 5. Develop your discussion using reasons and examples.

**Notes:**



