## Vocabulary STEPYINGSTONE TO 7.0 Technology - now and then Verbs of cause and effect





## 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	improvement	7	promote	
2	destroy		8	damage	
3	produce	<u></u>	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.

1 Advertising companies increase sales through the \_\_\_\_\_\_ tion of goods on TV.

2 Some pessimists argue that love of technology will eventually cause the \_\_\_\_\_\_ tion society.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ ments in technology have gathered pace in recent years as the speed of computers has increased.

4 What recent advances have led to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ ion of cheaper goods?

5 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:* 

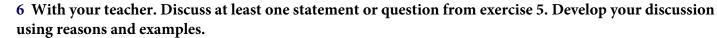
The introduction of a cafe and computers resulted in a significant improvement in the library's facilities. (improve)

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 3 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)





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