PRE-READING

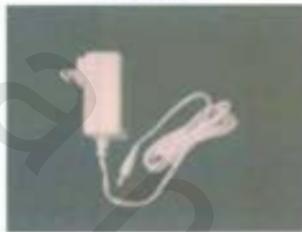*Look at the pictures and read the title of the lesson.*

1. Circle your answers about pictures 1 through 6. Write them on the lines.

a) Picture 1 means that technology is developing _____.   (fast / slowly)
b) Picture 2 shows an example of a technology _____.   (party / product)
c) The tool in picture 3 is used in _____ engineering.   (mechanical / electrical)
d) Picture 4 shows two researchers in a _____.   (classroom / laboratory)
e) Picture 5 shows three _____ screen monitors.   (flat / apartment)

Picture 1

Picture 2

Picture 3

Picture 4

Picture 5

2. Read these statements about pictures 1—6 above. Tick (✓) Yes or No.

STATEMENTS	YES	NO
a) Picture 1 means that technology rever changes.		
b) Picture 2 shows an adapter.		
c) Picture 3 shows a tool in a box.		
d) Both researchers in picture 4 are female.		
e) Picture 5 shows three TV screens.		

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES

5   I am Jaafar. I am an accountant. I am a rich, young Bahraini man. I am not
married and live on my own in a smart flat in Manama. My flat has some of the
latest electronic equipment.

10   My bedside alarm clock wakes me up with my own
recorded voice. It also opens my window curtains, and
sometimes makes my coffee. My alarm clock can do all
of this because of inbuilt microchip technology.

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My name is Maha and I am in my late twenties. I am pleased to
work as a sales assistant in one of the biggest department stores
in Abu Dhabi.

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The tills have lasers which read the price of the food and
handle reordering when stocks are low. Our team of managers
was able to automate all business transactions with
25   inexpensive, intelligent control devices. Unlike manual work,
automated processes are more accurate and more flexible.

My name is Amsha and I am a grandmother. I am from Abha. I don't
30   like technology because it has many bad results. I am in my seventies
and I feel healthier than my 30 year old grandson, who is a lawyer. I
remember when I was his age I used to walk a long distance to get to
work. I was a gardener.

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He spends most of his time sitting in his office, driving his car, or
watching TV in the evening. I hate cars; I hate computers; and I
hate TV.

40   These three distractions are terrible. They increase
traffic congestion and cause accidents. They are also
harmful, as computer radiation may cause health risks
to users.

45   Finally, I find that families don't spend enough time together because of the "on-going entertainment"
provided by visual motion.

1. Answer the questions in the table below based on the Reading text. Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

WHO ...	Maha	Jaafar	Amsha
lives in the Capital city of Bahrain?			
is the oldest of the three?			
is happy with his/her work?			
doesn't like technology?			
has a smart alarm clock?			
works in the UAE?			
talks with customers in his/her job?			

2. Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

on – wakes up – pleased – assistant – terrible – harmful

a) I am _____ with your work. You did an excellent job.
b) Computer radiation may be _____ to frequent users.
c) My bedside alarm clock _____ me _____.
d) My brother works as a sales _____ in City Plaza.
e) I live in a flat _____ the second floor.
f) I hate machines. They are _____.

3. Find words in the Reading text for these categories. Write them on the lines.

PEOPLE	CITIES	JOBS

COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Complete the answers to these questions.

   a) Jaafar is an accountant. Where does he live?
   He lives on _____ own in a smart _____ in Manama.

   b) Jaafar's alarm clock can do a lot of amazing things. Why?
   His alarm clock can do amazing things because of _____ microchip technology.

   c) The tills in Maha's workplace have lasers. What are they for?
   They read the _____ of the food and handle _____ when stocks are low.

   d) Amsha says she is healthier than her grandson. What makes her think so?
   When she was younger, she used to _____ a long distance to _____ to work.

   e) Why does Amsha hate cars?
   Cars _____ traffic congestion and _____ accidents.

2. What do the underlined words mean? Circle 'a' or 'b'.

   a) Automated processes are more accurate.
   a. they make more mistakes   b. they make fewer mistakes

   b) I am in my seventies.
   a. between sixty and seventy   b. between seventy and seventy nine

   c) My grandson is a lawyer.
   a. the son of my brother or sister   b. the son of my son or daughter

   d) I work as a gardener.
   a. I grow flowers and plants in gardens   b. I visit gardens

3 Match pictures (7 – 10) below with their descriptions. Write the picture numbers on the lines.

Picture 7   Picture 8   Picture9   Picture 10

_____ a) This picture shows a veranda (open area with a roof built on the side of a house).
_____ b) This picture shows a garage (a building next to the house where you keep your car).
_____ c) This picture shows an indoor swimming pool (swimming pool which is covered).
_____ d) This picture shows a car parked in a drive (an area between a house and the street).

1. Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the word.

a) I am _____ to work as a sales assistant.   (pleased / pleasing)
b) I like my work. It is _____.   (pleased / pleasing)
c) You will be _____ for listening to your teachers. (rewarded / rewarding)
d) This is a _____ experience.   (rewarded / rewarding)
e) I am _____ with your work.   (satisfied / satisfying)
f) He did everything perfectly. His work was _____. (satisfied / satisfying)
g) The father was _____ with his son's grade.   (disappointed / disappointing)
h) The son's grade was _____.   (disappointed / disappointing)

2. The words in each box below make a sentence about the Reading text. Put the words in order.
    Write the sentences on the lines

| man – from – I – Bahrain – single – a – am | _____ |

| make – sales – life – for – assistants – customers – easy | _____ |

| together – not – enough – do – time – spend – families | _____ |