

# Travelling and technology

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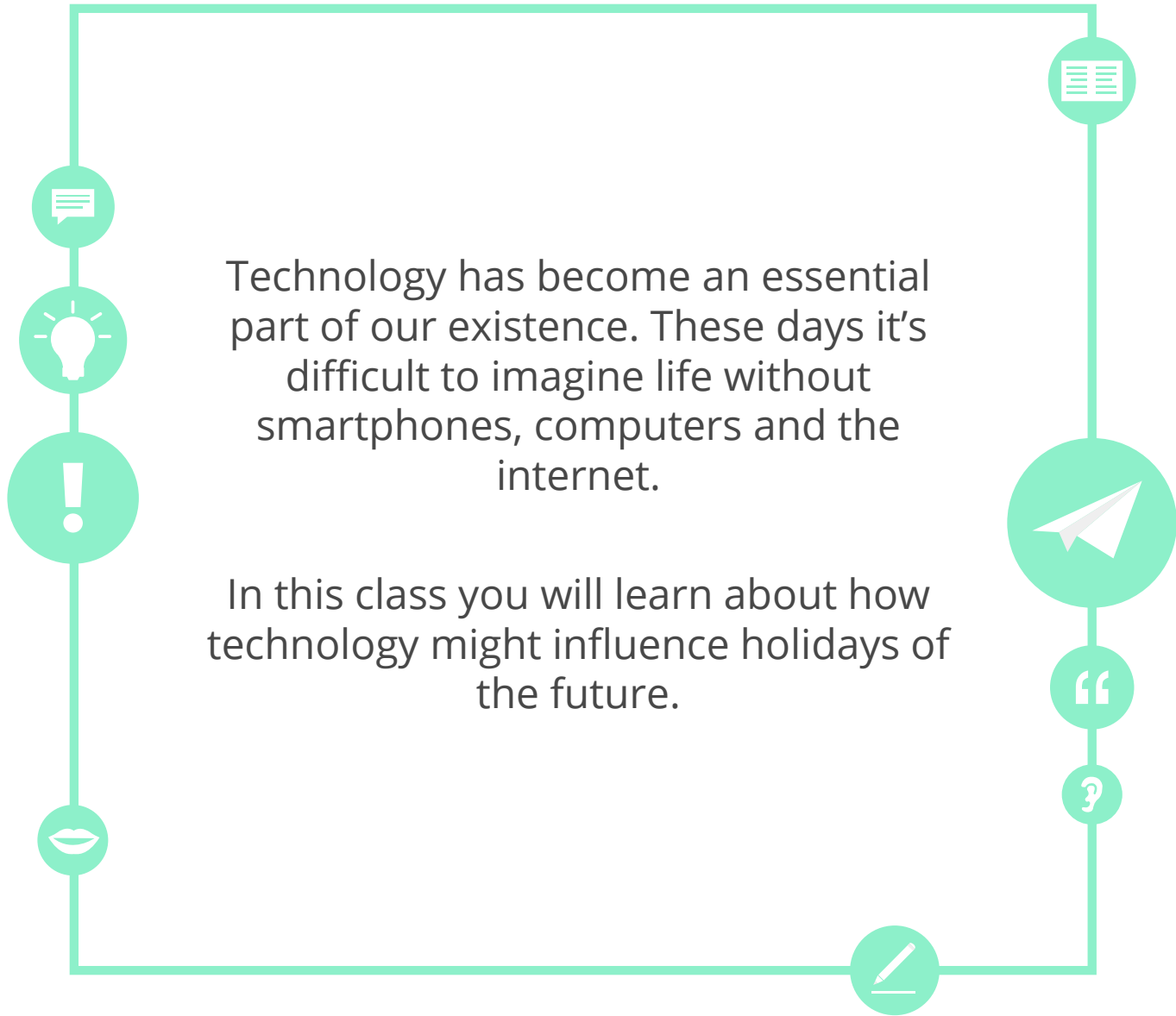




## Goals

- Can read, listen to and understand a challenging text about how technology will change tourism.
- Can maintain an in-depth discussion about the future of tourism and evaluate the pros and cons of virtual holidays.





Technology has become an essential part of our existence. These days it's difficult to imagine life without smartphones, computers and the internet.

In this class you will learn about how technology might influence holidays of the future.



## Your relationship with technology

How much do you use technology? Do you rely on your phone or certain apps? If so, how do they help you? Discuss these questions in relation to the subjects below.



communication  
with friends and  
family

work and  
education

leisure and  
holiday time

daily tasks



## Dream holidays

Discuss the best and worst holidays you have ever had. What made these trips so memorable? Describe your dream holiday.





## It would be great if...

**Imagine a future where anything is possible! What changes and inventions would improve your holidays? You can be as imaginative as you like!**

**Read the example below for inspiration and then share your ideas.**

// It would be great if you could somehow teleport your luggage directly to the hotel, then you could pack as much as you wanted and you wouldn't have to worry about carrying it. I hate carrying luggage, I find it so stressful!

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What might our holidays of the future look like? How will they be influenced by technological advances? Technology has already had a huge impact on tourism and travelling. Hotels, restaurants and resorts no longer rely upon **word of mouth** recommendations or listings in travel guidebooks in order to attract guests. An up-to-date website along with outstanding online reviews are now the best way to guarantee customers.



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In the past, people might have **opted for** tried and tested holiday destinations or asked travel agents for tips and advice on places to go. Now, thanks to the internet, it's become much easier to carry out your own holiday research. As a result, there's been an increasing trend in recent years for travellers opting to holiday in more adventurous and **far flung** locations.





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According to **industry insiders**, technological advances will soon **pave the way** for even more extraordinary holiday experiences. It's predicted that hotels of the future could rely heavily on robotics. Rather than checking in with a human receptionist upon arrival at a hotel, in the future you might be greeted by a friendly robot!

Advanced technology could personalise your hotel room to a high degree. Using specific devices you could **opt** to have photos of friends and family projected onto the wall. Alternatively, the advent of smart beds could see your needs met to a higher degree. Beds of the future could include special **sensors** to adapt to your body temperature, offer gentle massages or even to wake you up without an alarm clock!



Look at the words and phrases below. Check your understanding and try to use each in an example sentence of your own.

word of mouth

sensor

industry insider

far-flung

impact

to opt for something



## Different hotel accommodations

Look at the different kinds of holiday accommodation suggested below. What are the pros and cons of each type of accommodation? How do you think advances in technology might improve holiday experiences, for both guests and owners?



caravan

bed and  
breakfast

campsite

self catering  
holiday home

luxury hotel

3 star hotel



## Online reviews

**Think of the best or worst hotel you have ever stayed in.  
Discuss what review you would have given your stay.  
Try to include the topics below when making your review!**

cleanliness

value for money

comfort and  
location

organisation of  
booking



## Hotels of the future



Technology might greatly change our hotel experiences in the future. Imagine you are on holiday in London and you are a guest in a futuristic hotel.

Describe your expectations of this futuristic experience. How do you think the review process might be different from today?



## Get ready to listen



The next few slides will focus on training your listening comprehension



## Listening activities

As you listen to your teacher read, fill in the gaps with the appropriate words.

1. It's also \_\_\_\_\_ that more extreme forms of tourism, such as underwater adventures and \_\_\_\_\_ hotels - even space travel - may become more \_\_\_\_\_ once technology advances.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ holidays may offer a way for people to experience destinations that might otherwise be difficult to access. These difficulties could be due to financial, political or \_\_\_\_\_ reasons.
3. In theory, thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ sound, \_\_\_\_\_, image and motion technology, a family of four might be able to experience a \_\_\_\_\_ holiday in Kenya without ever having to leave the comfort of their own home.

mainstream

logistical

innovative

plausible

safari

aquatic

virtual

sensor



## Check your understanding!

Now you have heard the rest of the text can you summarise what you have learnt about technology and travel? What do you think might change holiday experiences in the future? There are some hints on the cards below to help you!



ocean

luxury

stay at home

imagination







## Negotiating holiday plans

**Have you ever been on holiday with a friend? Did you encounter any problems? What do you think are important factors to consider in planning a successful holiday with a friend?**

budget

comfort  
standards

activities planned

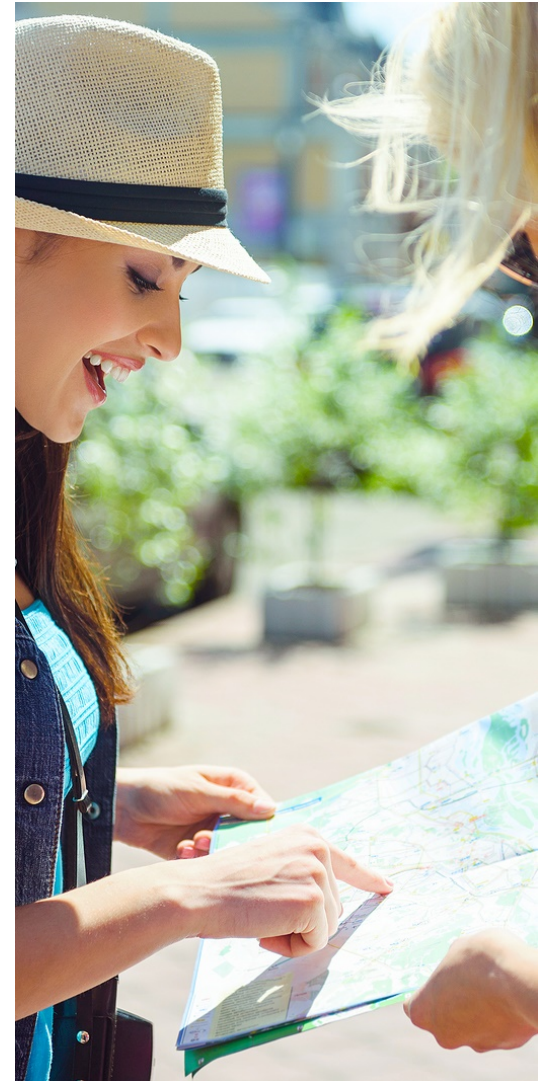
food choices



## When friends disagree...

Oh dear! You are planning a holiday with a friend and you disagree on what you want to do. Your friend wants to try a new virtual reality holiday because it is cheaper and less dangerous than going trekking in the Amazon jungle. The problem is, you really want to escape technology.

Debate the issue with your friend, talk about the pros and cons of virtual reality holidays, and see if you can reach a compromise!





## Thinking about the future

**Taking into account the potential changes you have discussed in this lesson, what changes do you expect we will see in how technology could impact our holidays in the future?**





## Reflect on the lesson

Take a moment to review any new **vocabulary, phrases, language structures** or **grammar points** you have come across for the first time in this lesson.

Review them with your teacher one more time to make sure you don't forget!





## Answer key

**Activity p. 15**  
Plausible, aquatic, mainstream, virtual, Logistical, innovative, sensor, safari!

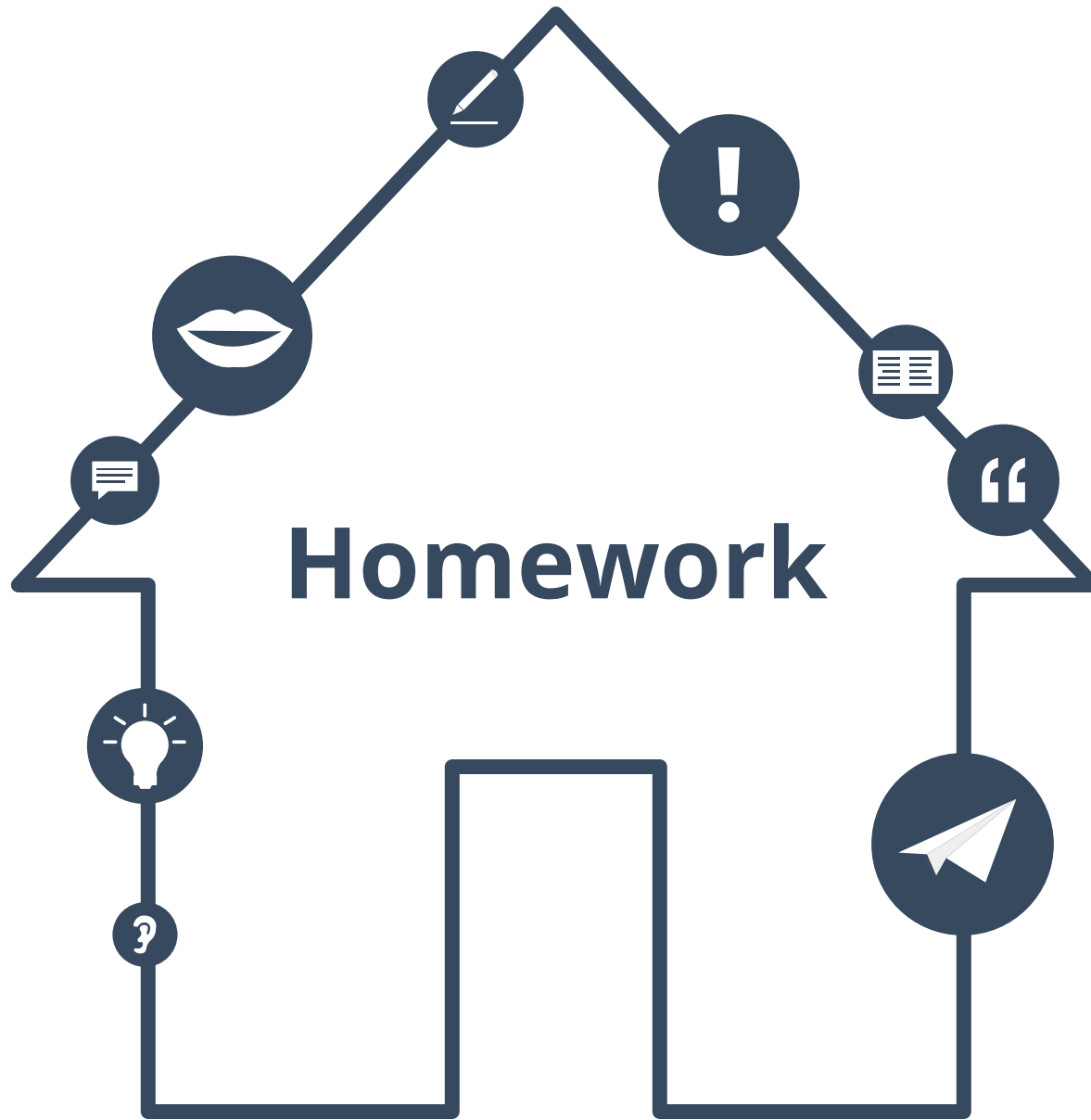


## Transcription

It's also **plausible** that more extreme forms of tourism, such as underwater adventures and aquatic hotels - even space travel - may become more mainstream once technology advances. However, it's likely that these destinations will remain accessible only to the very wealthy for a good few decades yet. Such options may sound dangerous but with advanced technology they could become safer for the public in the future.

Advances in video and virtual reality technology offer other possibilities for holidays of the future. Virtual holidays may offer a way for people to experience destinations that might otherwise be difficult to access. These difficulties could be due to financial, political or **logistical** reasons.

This kind of communication might also offer a way for users to share their experiences with family and friends. In theory, thanks to innovative sound, sensor, image and motion technology, a family of four might be able to experience a holiday on safari in Kenya without ever having to leave the comfort of their own home.







## Lesson evaluation

**How did you find this lesson? Which parts were most challenging and which did you enjoy most? Which parts did you find easiest? Give your feedback here!**

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