Technology: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

What do you use your phone for?

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How many hours a day do you spend on your phone?

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What is your favourite app?

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Do you prefer calling or sending messages?

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Do you have a computer at home? What do you use it for?

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What technology do you use at work?

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Do you play video games?

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Could you live without the internet for a week?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

What piece of technology has changed your life most?

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What did people do before smartphones that they no longer do?

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Have you ever lost your phone or all your files? What happened?

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Do you think children should have a phone? At what age?

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What is one app you deleted, and why?

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How do you learn to use something new: instructions, videos or trial and error?

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What do you use artificial intelligence for, if anything?

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What technology do you think we will all have in ten years?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Has technology given us more free time or taken it away?

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Who should be responsible when an AI system makes a serious mistake?

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Is privacy still possible, and do people really want it?

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Which jobs do you expect to change most in the next decade?

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Should there be things technology is not allowed to do?

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Are we more connected or more alone than twenty years ago?

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Would you trust a machine to diagnose you, drive you or teach your children?

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What would you un-invent if you could?

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Useful language

- I couldn't live without...
- I'm addicted to... / I'm trying to cut down on...
- It's likely that... / I doubt that...
- It saves me a lot of time.
- to update · to back up · to scroll · to log in
- user-friendly · out of date · cutting-edge