Teacher's Guide
Technology & Modern Life - Pre-Intermediate (A2-B1)
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Warm-up discussion

Part 1. Students discuss the questions.

Part 2. Students read each of the situations and choose the option that's true for them: Always / Sometimes / Never. Students then discuss which of the habits are healthy/unhealthy and if there are any habits they would like to change.

Vocabulary & speaking

Part 1. Students read the short dialogues and guess the meaning of the bold words.

App → a program you use on your phone or tablet.
Device → a piece of electronic equipment, like a phone, laptop, or smartwatch.
Connect → to communicate or share with someone, often through technology.
Invention → something new that someone creates to make life easier or better.
Smart → describes technology that can think or work automatically.
Online → connected to and using the internet.

Part 2. Students discuss the questions.

Part 3. Students discuss the questions.

Part 4. Students look at the words and discuss the questions.

Relaxed → feeling calm and comfortable, not worried.
Distracted → not able to focus because something takes your attention away.
Connected → feeling close to other people, often through technology.
Motivated → feeling ready and interested to do something.
Pressured → feeling stressed because you have too much to do or too many expectations.
Entertained → feeling happy because something is fun or interesting.
Curious → wanting to know or learn more about something.
Left out → feeling lonely or excluded when others are doing something without you.

Part 5. Students discuss what they would do in each of the situations.

Part 6. Students look at the phrasal verbs and discuss the questions.

Log in / Log out → to start or finish using an account on a website or app.
Turn on / Turn off → to make a device start or stop working.
Scroll down / Scroll up → to move through content on a screen using your finger or mouse.
Charge up → to fill the battery of a phone or other device.
Plug in / Unplug → to connect or disconnect a device from electricity or another piece of equipment.

(Unplug can also mean take a break from technology.)
Zoom in / Zoom out → to make something look bigger or smaller on a screen or photo.

Part 7. Students look at the “tech pet peeves” and discuss the questions.

Reflection

Students complete the sentences with their own ideas.