

UNIT 3: CREATIVE, INVENTIVE MINDS

Lesson 2: Technology: A Blessing In Disguise

- His achievements are really **astonishing**. (**outstanding**)
 - Technology is **omnipresent**, you cannot avoid it. (**present everywhere and at any time**)
 - The invention of computers has had a huge **impact** on the entire globe. (**effect**)
 - As soon as he was **confronted** with accusations and proofs, he confessed his deeds. (**challenged**)
 - Whenever you face an **issue**, you need to share your worries with a trusted person. (**problem**)
 - A **shift** in the roles of the team has become much needed. (**change**)
 - I am not **accustomed** to using modern technology in my kitchen. (**used to**)
 - Looking up the needed information can be **troublesome**, but this device will make your life easier. (**annoying**)
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- **Necessity is the mother of invention** : Creative solutions are often produced in response to difficulties or hardships that need to be overcome.
 - **Blessing in disguise** : Something good that isn't recognized at first.
 - **Well-oiled machine** : As a group you all get on well together and things seem to run very smoothly without problems.
 - **More holes than Swiss cheese** : Something that has a lot of problems.
 - **Bells and whistles** : Something that has a lot of problems
 - **Cut corners** : When something is done badly to save money.
 - **Drastic times call for drastic Measures** : When something is done badly to save money.
 - **Method to my madness** : When something is done badly to save money.

Convenience

There is no doubt that technology **has made life** so much **more convenient**. **Instead of** going to the stores, banks, and other institutions, technology **has made it possible** for us to sign documents, order food, pay bills, buy groceries, all at a click of a mouse.

spreading awareness

Technology has made it possible for information to circulate the whole globe and reach millions of people **just in a matter of a few seconds**. This has allowed many people to speak up, make their or other people's voices heard, collect donations, take part in charitable work, and help others.

procrastination

Many teens and even adults spend hours online watching their favorite shows, playing computer games, or merely chatting with their friends while they should be spending their very precious time studying, working, or enjoying the company of their parents. Not only do they waste their time, but also, they can end up being addicted to the internet.

easy access to information

Finding an answer to any question, no matter how stupid or trivial it may seem, has become the easiest task as all you have to do is to type the keywords into the search engine and voila!

saving lives

Many lives have been and will be saved thanks to technological advancements. Medical scientists have made significant progress and contribution to the betterment of our health conditions by finding treatments for many diseases that were thought to be incurable.

Privacy

Modern technology has resulted in making much of our personal data vulnerable to fraud as it can be accessed by anyone who is savvy in modern technology. Hacking represents a further threat that even many big corporations still struggle with.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is an unfortunate by-product of technology and there are many disturbing stories about young people who have

suffered from this. It can have drastic consequences especially on youngsters. According to dosomething.org, an organization in England that campaigns for social change for young people, nearly 43% of young people have been bullied online and girls are about twice more likely to be victims and perpetrators of cyberbullying.