

LISTENING 1

LOOKING OUT FOR YOU?

Listen and circle the correct options.

- 1 COV cameras record the actions of
 - a one in fifteen people in the UK.
 - b four million people in the UK.
 - c all criminals in the UK.
 - d nearly everybody in the UK.
- 2 When you use a mobile phone, the company knows
 - a the name of the person you are speaking to.
 - b what you are saying.
 - c how long you have had the phone.
 - d where you are.
- 3 The author of the text thinks that governments
 - a might use 'Google Earth' to help solve crimes.
 - b might be watching all of us from space.
 - c might record all of our phone calls.
 - d might record all of the websites we visit.
- 4 When you surf the Internet, cookies
 - a record every letter that you type.
 - b record your passwords and emails.
 - c send information to your computer.
 - d send information to websites.




LISTENING 2

Designer babies

Pre-listening activity. Complete the definition with the words below.

embryo engineering fertilisation genes implanted

Designer baby: A baby born after IVF (in vitro ¹_____) whose ²_____ were chosen or altered by genetic ³_____ before the ⁴_____ was ⁵_____, so that the parents could choose the baby's sex, hair colour, etc.

 **2.10** Listen to five people talking about designer babies. Is each speaker generally for or against them? Write F (for) or A (against).

Speaker	1	2	3	4	5
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LISTENING 1 Answers

Today, there are more than four million CCTV cameras in Britain. That's one camera for every fifteen people.

The cameras are there to film dangerous or illegal behaviour. But they don't just watch criminals – they watch almost all of us, almost all of the time. Every time we use a cashpoint machine, travel on public transport or go into a shop, a camera records our actions. Shops say that this technology helps to catch shoplifters – but only by treating everybody as a potential criminal.

Cameras are not the only way of monitoring our actions. Every time you use your mobile phone, the phone company knows the number of the phone you are calling and how long the call lasts. It is even possible to work out your location. The police often use this information when they're investigating serious crimes.

And what about satellites?

Are they watching us from space? How much can they see? Anybody with a computer can download 'Google Earth' and get satellite photos of the entire world. Perhaps governments are using even more powerful satellites to watch their citizens.

Even when you are at home, you are not necessarily safe from surveillance. When you use your computer to visit websites, you are probably sending and receiving 'cookies' without realising it. Cookies transfer information from your computer to the website and, in theory, could record which websites you visit. Some cookies, called 'zombie cookies', are very difficult to remove from your computer. Modern technology is making it easier and easier to stay in contact, but it is also making it nearly impossible for us to hide.

LISTENING 2 Answers

1 fertilisation 2 genes 3 engineering 4 embryo
5 implanted

1 A 2 A 3 F 4 A 5 F