



Using technology for study

Before watching

1 Think of at least one way in which the following things can help you with your studies.

- 1 A tablet or laptop:
.....
- 2 The Internet:
.....
- 3 Your education centre's website:
.....
- 4 A mobile phone:
.....
- 5 A messaging app:
.....
- 6 A social networking website:
.....

While watching



Sam



Vanessa



Bea



Chris

2a 45 Watch the video. Tick (✓) ...

- 1 the things (1–6) that the speakers mention.
- 2 the things you wrote in 1 that the speakers also mention.

2b 45 VIDEO SKILLS Read the video skills box. Then watch again and make a brief note of the six advantages and two disadvantages of technology for studying that the speakers mention. Focus on the main points, not the details.

Advantages

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Disadvantages

- 1
- 2

VIDEO SKILLS: Recognising the main points and supporting details

Speakers usually make a main point and then give examples, explanations, details, consequences or conclusions.

Listing points: *also, as well*

Examples: *for example, for instance, including, like*

Explanations, details: *because, and that's, which*

Consequences, conclusions: *so, as a result*

3a 45 Watch again. Write who says these things about the future of technology in teaching.

- 1 is/are positive about technology.
- 2 is/are worried about technology.
- 3 think(s) being with a teacher is a vital part of learning.
- 4 think(s) that technology will never completely replace teachers.
- 5 want(s) technology to enhance the learning experience.
- 6 think(s) technology could save the student and teacher time.
- 7 think(s) technology will make accessing information even easier.

3b Which statements in 3a reflect your own opinions? Write 'Me too'. Then explain why.

After watching

4a Blended learning is a mix of face-to-face learning and learning online. Think about your English classes. What do you think you could study online? What do you think it's best to do in class? Explain why.

4b SKILLS 4 LIFE Invent a digital product that would make learning English easier. Follow these steps.

- 1 Think of an idea – a technological breakthrough that would make it easier for people to learn English. Your idea could be serious or it could be closer to science fiction. Use your imagination!
- 2 Think about how your idea will work and how easy or difficult it will be to put the idea into practice.
- 3 Write a letter to a group of investors outlining your idea and asking for finance to start working on it. Try and convince them of its benefits.

REFLECT ON IT



Some workers in Silicon Valley in California send their kids to schools where teaching is done without technology. Why do you think this is? Do you think technology really improves education?