

9C ■ Listening, speaking and vocabulary Can't live without ...



1 SPEAKING Look at the photos and put them in order from 1–5 (1 = most important in your life, 5 = least important). Then work in small groups and compare your ideas.

2 **2.20** Listen to four people talking about their favourite gadgets. Match the speakers to the gadgets A–E in exercise 1. Which gadget is not mentioned?

3 **2.20** Listen again and answer the questions.

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| 1 Who uses a gadget when driving? | Speaker |
| 2 Who talks about a friend who broke his gadget? | Speaker |
| 3 Who talks about the size of a gadget? | Speakers, |
| 4 Who says that a gadget is not very new? | Speaker |
| 5 Who uses a gadget to help with their coursework? | Speaker |
| 6 Who makes calls with a gadget? | Speakers, |
| 7 Who talks about accessories for a gadget? | Speakers,, |
| 8 Who talks about the cost of a gadget? | Speaker |

V Describing gadgets

4 Which gadgets in exercise 1 are sentences 1–7 about? What other gadgets could they describe?

- It's extremely **convenient** and easy to use.
- It was very **expensive**, actually, so I'm careful with it.
- I used to have a walkman, but that's so **out-of-date** now.
- It's a really old car, with just an **inexpensive** radio.
- My favourite gadget is so **efficient** – it does everything and it's really fast.
- It's a bit **fragile**, but I bought a **durable** cover, so I'm not worried that something will happen to it.
- It's not very **reliable** now and there are all sorts of problems with it.

5 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Think of a gadget and describe it to your partner. Use the highlighted words in exercise 4. Your partner needs to guess the gadget that you are describing.

DVD extra Inventors

Asking for instructions, explanations and clarification

6 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Do you always read the instructions for a new gadget before you use it? Read opinions 1–4. Which opinions do you agree / disagree with?

- 'I never read instructions! I prefer to experiment and try out lots of different things. If you're careful, you won't do any damage and you'll learn a lot about your new gadget.'
- 'I usually read the most basic instructions – the 'Quick Set-up' page that comes with most new gadgets. After that, I work stuff out for myself.'
- 'If I have a problem, I don't read the manual; I usually go online and do a search. It's quicker!'
- 'I always read all the instructions before I start to use something. It takes time, but afterwards I know exactly what I'm doing!'

