



Open Discussion Questions

Topic: Inventions

Level: Advanced

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1. What are the best and the most useful inventions of mankind in the 20th and 21st centuries? What famous inventors do you know? What were their inventions?
2. How did the invention of television change people's lives? Do you think it is a useful invention? What is the role of television in your life?
3. When did you buy or get your first mobile phone? Do you think you can live without it or is it now an important part of your daily life? Are you anxious when the battery is flat or you are out of reach? What do scientists say about the influence of mobile phones on our health?
4. Do you use the Internet? What Internet services do you use? Do you feel any addiction to the Internet? How did the Internet influence such things as communication, correspondence, and access to information? Do you think that the Internet is good or evil?
5. What do you think is the worst invention of mankind? (weapons, cigarettes, television, mobile phones, cars, genetically modified products, etc.)
6. Can you name some inventions that you are looking forward to? (human cloning, time traveling, eternal-life pills, cancer vaccines, teleportation)
7. Do you think a time machine will ever be invented? Would you like to travel through the time? What time would you like to visit, what event would you like to witness?





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8. Do you think ageing is a problem mankind cannot fight? What discoveries and inventions have been made recently to fight ageing? Do you believe that the elixir of life will ever be discovered? Would you like to be immortal or would you just prefer to remain young throughout your life and die in the end?
9. What is the use of space exploration? What technologies has space exploration brought to our daily lives? Do you believe that one day people will live on the moon or other planets? Why isn't that possible today?
10. What would you invent if you were a scientist?

(See Oxford Word Skills Advanced Unit 54 for more related vocabulary)

