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VOCABULARY

Technology and machines

1 Complete the sentences with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

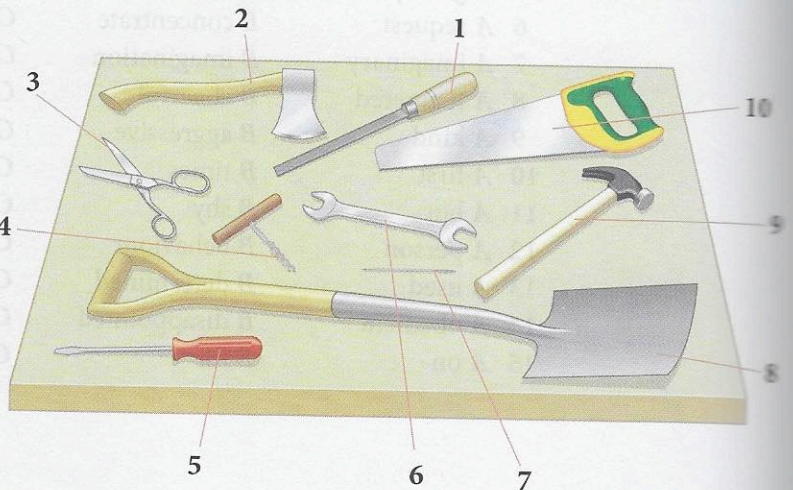
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- The text appears at the position of the flashing *cursor*
- Hold down the left mouse button and drag the mouse over the text that you want to
- If your computer crashes, you may have to
- To open a document, click on the relevant
- To transfer text to another document you can copy and
- If the text you want is below the part you can see, you can
- Look at the toolbar at the top of the screen and select the option you want from the
- Connect to the Internet and type out the address to go straight to the
- If you can't find the information you want on the website, try typing out a key word into the search
- If you need to get a whole program from the Internet, it can take a long time to

2 Complete the labels with the words in the box.

axe	file	needle	scissors	spade
corkscrew	hammer	saw	screwdriver	spanner

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3 Complete each sentence with a suitable word from exercise 2. Use each word once only.

- 1 You can make the edges smooth with a *file*.....
- 2 You need a to open this bottle of wine.
- 3 I've split my trousers. Do you have a and thread?
- 4 I can't open the back of the television without a special
- 5 You can cut that plank in half with this
- 6 We could chop this tree down if we had a sharp
- 7 I was going to dig the garden but I can't find the
- 8 Ouch! I've hit my thumb with the instead of the nail!
- 9 You can cut this cardboard if you have some sharp
- 10 This nut is impossible to undo. I need a larger

4 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 This is a small car, but it has a powerful *engine* / *machine*.
- 2 Do you use an *electric* / *electrical* toothbrush?
- 3 I can't see anything. Where's the light *plug* / *switch*?
- 4 I'm going to buy a new *laptop* / *desktop* that I can take to work.
- 5 You can't use the lift. It's out of *order* / *work*.
- 6 If you don't press this button, the washing machine won't *go* / *move*.
- 7 Use this torch. The other one doesn't *act* / *work*.
- 8 The lights have gone out. It must be a power *break* / *cut*.
- 9 A car *factory* / *industry* has just been built in our town.
- 10 Who exactly *discovered* / *invented* the computer?

5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1 James is going to be late. His car has
A broken out B broken up C broken in D broken down
- 2 If your camera is faulty, you should return it to the
A creator B manufacturer C inventor D builder
- 3 It is hard to get parts for this car if something goes wrong.
A extra B spare C additional D emergency
- 4 I bought this electric drill from a-it-yourself shop.
A do B repair C make D fix
- 5 This clock on two small batteries.
A goes B works C runs D moves
- 6 Sorry, I must have the number.
A false B mistake C wrong D fault
- 7 Don't touch the wire! You'll get an electric
A surprise B current C charge D shock
- 8 It's difficult to repair a car unless you have the right
A gadgets B instruments C appliances D tools
- 9 This knife is really I'll have to sharpen it.
A blunt B dull C flat D frank
- 10 Don't forget to your alarm clock for 6.00.
A put B set C ring D go off

FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

6 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

How does my mobile work?

When I was young, I always dreamed of becoming a famous (1) *scientist*..... When I was at school I decided to study SCIENCE
 (2), and then become a millionaire by inventing ENGINE
 a wonderful new (3) which would make the world PRODUCE
 a better place. Unfortunately, I wasn't very good at technical
 subjects. Any time I operate any kind of (4), EQUIP
 something terrible happens. Machines which use (5), ELECTRIC
 such as computers or televisions, always seem to give me a
 (6) shock. The instruction booklets are always POWER
 (7) They never help me at all. Nowadays you need USE
 to have (8) knowledge just to make your new SPECIAL
 mobile phone work. To my great (9) it is always EMBARRASS
 a child of six who helps me out of my (10) DIFFICULT

7 Replace the words in italics with a verb from the box.

break down	go off	keep up with	pick up	run out	knock down
do without	see to	look out	put off	stand for	

- 1 My car isn't as fast as yours. I won't be able to *stay near* you. *keep up with*
- 2 This torch doesn't work. The batteries must have *been used up*.
- 3 This radio doesn't *receive* the BBC World Service very well.
- 4 The car is making a funny noise. I think it's going to *stop working*.
- 5 I was going to buy a motorbike, but I was *discouraged* by my parents.
- 6 My computer doesn't work, but I'm getting someone to *repair* it.
- 7 *Be careful!* You're going to give yourself an electric shock!
- 8 It's difficult to *manage if you don't have* a washing machine.
- 9 The letters DVD *mean* digital versatile disc, actually.
- 10 Without a fridge, fresh food will *become bad* very quickly.
- 11 They used special equipment to *demolish* that block of flats.

8 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- 1 There's nothing good on the television. Why don't you turn it *...off*..... ?
- 2 Can you plug the electric fire for me?
- 3 Hurry up sir. We're just going to lock for the night.
- 4 The machine is quite automatic – it does everything itself.
- 5 We'd better stop for some petrol. We've nearly run
- 6 The parts come from Japan, but we put them here in Italy.
- 7 The hi-fi system consists a CD player and four speakers.
- 8 This looks like wood but actually it's made plastic.
- 9 What exactly is a file used ?
- 10 These two metal sections are then bolted to make one.
- 11 Oh dear, I've deleted the wrong file mistake.

9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

DO IT YOURSELF

What do you do when something (1) down? Are you the kind of person who knows how things (2) ? Or do you prefer to have them (3) by an expert? Personally, when I use a (4) I always hit my finger, and I can never (5) anything with my screwdriver because I can never find it. Despite having all the wrong (6) , and despite being a useless (7) , I recently decided to take my bike to pieces and (8) it. I had (9) out of money as usual, and as I use my bike (10) getting to college, I had no choice. It was making a terrible noise, and the front tyre was (11) I had a few (12) but I didn't have any (13) parts. I managed to (14) the wheel and take it off, but then I lost my (15) , and couldn't put the wheel back on properly. At least I am taking more exercise, as I now have to walk to college.

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| 1 A falls | B repairs | C breaks | D runs |
| 2 A do | B make | C fix | D work |
| 3 A repaired | B out | C sometimes | D operated |
| 4 A drill | B scissors | C hammer | D spade |
| 5 A drive | B unscrew | C cut | D unwind |
| 6 A equipment | B contents | C instruments | D gadgets |
| 7 A technician | B engineer | C machine | D mechanic |
| 8 A make | B fix | C build | D construct |
| 9 A spent | B paid | C run | D fallen |
| 10 A and | B because | C by | D for |
| 11 A flat | B empty | C over | D bad |
| 12 A chances | B tools | C information | D advice |
| 13 A spare | B emergency | C renew | D repair |
| 14 A remove | B smooth | C fill | D undo |
| 15 A saw | B plug | C spanner | D file |