

# Fun Bits 1

## We're All Connected

Thanks to the fast-growing communication technology, we become more connected with one another in the world. Let's learn more about how people use technology to contact others.

### Internet Forums

In Internet forums, everyone can exchange views on a certain topic. It's easy to meet people with common interests there. The discussion may last for a month, a year or even longer. People can jump in at any time to express their opinions.

### Instant Text Messaging

Nowadays, with the fast Internet speed, people may only need less than a second to send a text message to another mobile phone. Therefore, this technology makes real-time online chatting possible.



**A** Draw lines to match the sentences to the correct words from the text.

1. David and Keith often \_\_\_\_\_ their opinions in Internet forums.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Internet controls the time you take to send a picture to your friend.

3. WhatsApp is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ messaging tool.

4. Technology makes \_\_\_\_\_ between people much easier.

5. In the past, people used to \_\_\_\_\_ their friends by writing letters.

speed

communication

express

contact

instant

## Video Conferencing

Video conferencing is like a face-to-face conversation because one can see and talk to another at the same time. Many companies make use of the technology to have meetings with their overseas business partners. Some people like video-calling their relatives and friends who live abroad. It is easy and convenient because they can do it with just one click!



### STEAM Highlights

Which technology allows users to see the person they contact in real time? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)

**B** Read the information and fill in the blanks with the correct names of the communication technology or tools.

Leo: Hey! What are you doing? 😊  
 Sue: Homework. You?  
 Leo: Me too! How many words do we need to write for the composition?  
 Sue: 200 🙄  
 Leo: Gosh! That's hard! 😞

Tony: Look at the newest robot. What do you think about it?  
 Andy: Cool! It's sweeping the floor now. Housewives would like it.  
 Tony: It's good but I think we can pick another colour for it...

Kelly White's new album is out! I enjoy listening to all the songs in it. Among them, 'Speechless' is my favourite song. Does anyone share the same thought as me?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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