

Words by Theme Self-assessment

Complete the article below with the given words from Units 17–20. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

accessible (*adj.*)breakthrough (*n.*)commonplace (*adj.*)concerning (*adj.*)double-edged (*adj.*)immersive (*adj.*)laudable (*adj.*)pave the way (*idm.*)pristine (*adj.*)prospect (*n.*)specialised (*adj.*)unknowingly (*adv.*)

Technology: a boon or a bane?

Technology is getting exceptionally advanced and (1) _____ nowadays. We are also being more dependent on technology as we use multiple apps on a regular basis.

Technology surely has made lots of (2) _____ over the years. Things that were once distant from us are becoming more (3) _____. Through (4) _____ experiences, we could make the impossible possible. For example, through virtual reality, we could easily hike the Himalayas by sitting on our sofa. We could basically explore the world with a gadget.

Building a culture of innovation is indeed a / an (5) _____ goal. It

(6) _____ for a better future. However, when technology is increasingly

(7) _____ in our daily lives, it can cause people to rely too much on technology

(8) _____. For instance, with online shopping, we need not go to the physical stores; with self-checkout machines, cashier counters are replaced; with social networking sites, we meet our family and friends less often.

Of course, it sounds impossible to return to the (9) _____ situation before the appearance of technology. This

(10) _____ of the

growing power of AI is particularly

(11) _____. On one

hand, technology makes our life more convenient, but on the other hand, it is

worrying that technology may take over humanity. After all, technology is a / an

(12) _____ tool,

depending on how it is used.

