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Level 4

We need to prepare for the Internet of Things

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THE READING

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A technology analyst warned we might not yet be ready for the Internet of Things - the next stage of the digital revolution. It will change our lives because all our devices will be connected. A technology research company predicts that by 2020, nearly 26 billion devices will be on the Internet of Things. They will communicate with each other. Our fridge will order milk if we need more, and hey presto, the milk arrives.

The Internet of Things has, "the potential to drive fundamental economic and social change". However, there are "serious obstacles" for it to be ready in time. These include building new data storage centres, and data security. A cyber-security expert warns of the "unintended consequences" because of the large number of connected devices. He predicts that privacy will be a huge worry because everything will be connected to the Internet.

Sources: <http://www.computerworlduk.com/sponsored-article/it-business/3609481/preparing-for-the-internet-of-things/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. A technology | a. revolution |
| 2. we might not yet | b. milk |
| 3. the next stage of the digital | c. devices |
| 4. all our devices will be | d. be ready |
| 5. nearly 26 billion | e. connected |
| 6. They will communicate with each | f. presto |
| 7. Our fridge will order | g. analyst |
| 8. hey | h. other |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. drive fundamental economic | a. consequences |
| 2. serious | b. worry |
| 3. data | c. and social change |
| 4. A cyber-security | d. connected |
| 5. unintended | e. storage |
| 6. the large number of connected | f. expert |
| 7. privacy will be a huge | g. obstacles |
| 8. everything will be | h. devices |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A technology analyst warned we might (1) _____ for the Internet of Things - the (2) _____ digital revolution. It will change our lives because (3) _____ will be connected. A technology research company (4) _____ 2020, nearly 26 billion devices (5) _____ Internet of Things. They will communicate with each other. Our fridge will order milk if we need more, (6) _____, the milk arrives.

The Internet of Things has, "(7) _____ fundamental economic and social change". However, there are "(8) _____" for it to be ready in time. These include building (9) _____ centres, and data security. A (10) _____ warns of the "unintended consequences" because of the (11) _____ connected devices. He predicts that privacy will be a huge worry because (12) _____ connected to the Internet.

INTERNET OF THINGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Internet of Things in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

