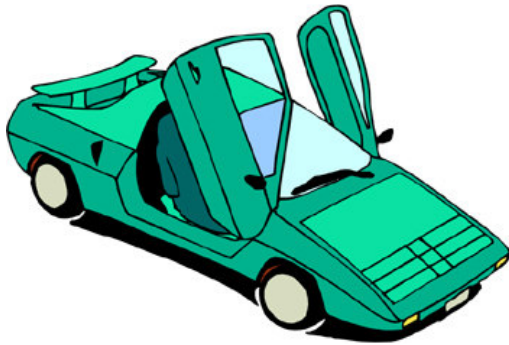




*Work in groups to discuss the questions below.*



In the early 1960s most cars didn't have heating, air-conditioning or a radio. Today these are standard features.

Luxury cars have features like DVD screens, satellite navigation and rear bumpers that let you know when you are close to another car.

1. Which of these features do you think is necessary or desirable? (heating, air-con, radio, DVD screen, satnav, intelligent bumpers).
2. Are there other features you'd like to see in your car?

3. How important are computers in your life? Which of these things do you do every day?



Surf the net

Use MSN or another chat program

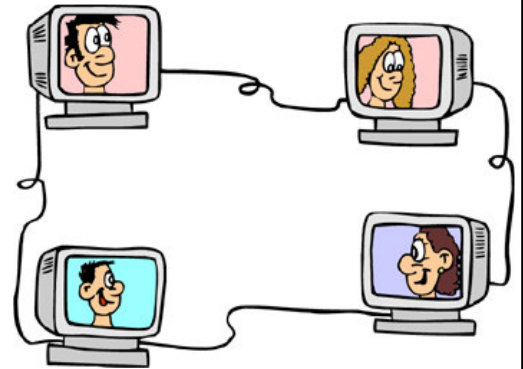
Play games

Use email

- Sit in front of your computer when there is nothing to do

4. What else do you use computers for?

5. If computers disappeared tomorrow, how would life be different?



In movies we sometimes see futuristic technology in homes.

6. Which of the technologies below are useful?

- Climate control
- Voice activated door locking (no keys!)
- A fridge with a television screen and a function that tells you when you are out of orange juice or carrots
- A wall sized television?

7. What other technology would you like to have?

8. What is the environmental cost of these technologies?

