

Unit 5 Speaking Test

About you

1 Talk about discoveries.

- Which invention do you think is the most important? Why?
- If you could invent something, what would it be?
- What would you like scientists to discover in the future? Why?

Role-play

2 Complete the monologue with the phrases in the box. Then practise the monologue.

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A I ¹ _____ we should explore different parts of the world. If we explore them, we may discover important things that scientists could use to help find cures for diseases. I can ² _____ we need to look after our planet and not cause further damage. But, ³ _____, I think we could explore without needing to cut down lots of trees or hurt wildlife. There is ⁴ _____ finding cures to diseases from nature is too important to ignore. ⁵ _____ I can see, it's the only way we can do it.

EXTENSION Express your opinion on the statement 'It's a waste of time and money to try and find alien life in space'. Use the key phrases from exercise 2.

- Give your general opinion.
- Give reasons to support your opinion.
- Give examples of other peoples' opinions and say why you disagree.
- Conclude your argument.

Photo description

3 Describe the photos.

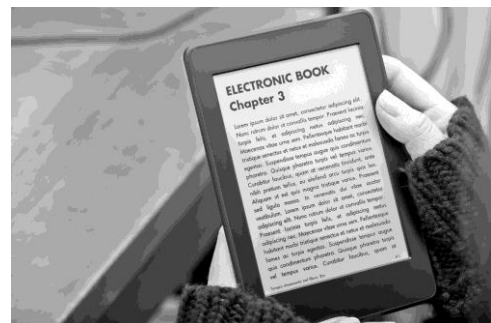
Photo A

- What is the man doing?
- Before bar codes were invented, what do you think people needed to do to record information about products?
- Do you think bar codes are a good invention? Why / Why not?



Photo B

- What can you see in the photo?
- Have you used an e-reader before? If so, did you like it? Why / Why not?
- Do you think e-readers are better than books? Why / Why not?



EXTENSION Answer the questions.

- Many recent inventions are related to computers. Do you think this is a good or bad thing? Why?
- Do you think it is important to learn about technology in schools? Why / Why not?