EXTENDED WRITING: MACHINES

B2 | Adults / Teens | Discussion Writing | 20-30 minutes | Set 2

Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. What is the most important machine in your life?

2. Which machines make our lives easier?

3. Which machines could we live without?

4. Which machines make our lives more difficult?

5. What was the most important invention in history?

6. If you could invent any machine, what would it do?

7. What machines do you use every day?

8. What things can you do faster without using a machine?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. What is the most important machine in your life?

Example: The smartphone is probably the most important machine in my life because it combines communication, maps, information and a camera in one device.

2. Which machines make our lives easier?

Example: Washing machines, refrigerators and public-transport systems make daily life easier by saving time and reducing physical effort.

3. Which machines could we live without?

Example: We could live without gadgets that do only one kitchen task, such as electric egg cookers. A saucepan can do the same job.

4. Which machines make our lives more difficult?

Example: Machines can make life more difficult when they fail unexpectedly or encourage people to depend on them too much.

5. What was the most important invention in history?

Example: The most important invention may be the printing press because it made knowledge available to far more people.

6. If you could invent any machine, what would it do?

Example: I would invent a machine that could sort recycling accurately and cheaply for every household.

7. What machines do you use every day?

Example: I use a laptop, smartphone, kettle and public-transport ticket machine almost every day.

8. What things can you do faster without using a machine?

Example: I can grate a little cheese faster by hand than with a food processor because I do not need to assemble and clean the machine.