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Level 5
We need to prepare for the Internet of Things

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THE READING

A technology analyst has warned that we might not yet be ready for what is known as the Internet of Things. This is the next stage of the digital revolution. It will greatly transform our lives via the interconnectedness of all the devices in our daily life. The technology research company Gartner predicts that by 2020, nearly 26 billion devices will be on the Internet of Things. They will communicate with each other to make decisions a seamless experience. Our fridge will contact the delivery service when it senses we need more milk, and hey presto, the milk arrives.

The ComputerWorld magazine says that the Internet of Things has, "the potential to drive fundamental economic and social change". However, there are "serious obstacles" for the infrastructure to be in place in time. These include building new data storage centres, data storage and management and data security. A cyber-security expert warns of "the law of unintended consequences" with the explosion in the number of connected devices. He predicts that privacy will become a huge worry because of the large number of things in our daily life that will be connected to the Internet.

MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	A technology	a.	devices
2	we might not	b.	service
3.	It will greatly transform	c.	presto
4.	the interconnectedness	d.	yet be ready
5.	nearly 26 billion	e.	analyst
6.	a seamless	f.	our lives
7.	contact the delivery	g.	experience
8.	hey	h.	of all the devices

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	the Internet of Things	a.	a huge worry
2	drive fundamental economic	b.	obstacles
3.	However there are serious	c.	security
4.	the infrastructure to be	d.	and social change
5.	data	e.	consequences
6.	unintended	f.	our daily life
7.	privacy will become	g.	has the potential
8.	the large number of things in	h.	in place in time

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

A technology analyst (1) _____ we might not yet be ready for what is known as the Internet of Things. This (2) _____ the digital revolution. It will (3) _____ our lives via the interconnectedness of all the devices in our daily life. The technology research company Gartner (4) _____ 2020, nearly 26 billion devices will be on the Internet of Things. They will communicate with each other (5) _____ a seamless experience. Our fridge will contact the delivery service when it senses we need more milk, (6) _____, the milk arrives.

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INTERNET OF THINGS SURVEY

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) _____

FREE WRITING

Write about **the Internet of Things** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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