UNIT 08. The Future is Now (Lesson1)

- Collocations about technology
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1. Collocations about technology

(1) keep up

- New phones are always coming out that it's hard to **keep up** with the latest changes.
- I always **keep up** with the latest software updates for my laptop.

(2) fall behind

- I hate **falling behind** when it comes to mobile technology, I always have to have the latest version.
- I have **fallen behind** with mobile phones, my phone is about 5 years old but I still like it.

(3) computer illiterate

- My grandmother is **computer illiterate**. She has no idea what email is.
- Training for people who are **computer illiterate** is important to help get work.

(4) tech savvy

- My niece is quite **tech savvy** for her age, it's fun to watch her work out new tech.
- People who are **tech savvy** have an advantage when it comes to getting a job.

2. Vocabulary about technology

(1) Phones

- A landline phone
- Cell phones / smart phones

- Not everyone has a **landline** these days as almost everybody simply has a **mobile phone**. But not necessarily a **smart phone.**

(2) The internet

- Social media / social network
- Email

- **Email** is almost never used for fun, it's mostly for work. **Social media** has become a major way for people to communicate with friends and family.

(3) Cameras

- Film camera
- Digital camera

– A lot of people say using **film cameras** produces better quality photos than a **digital camera** but maybe as technology gets better **digital cameras** will surpass **film cameras** in quality and cost.

(4) Writing

- Handwritten letters
- Texting

– Sending a **handwritten letter** always has a much more personal touch compared to sending a **text.** Although **texting** is much more convenient.

(5) Reading

- Books, paperback, hardback, hardcover
- E-reader
  - **Paperbacks** are still popular these days compared to **e-readers** but it seems that the popularity of **e-readers** is slowly rising.

(6) Kitchen appliances

- Stove / Oven / Gas range / Hotplate
- Microwave (oven)
  - I would rather cook in a regular **oven** than with a **microwave,** the food always comes out much nicer even though it takes longer to cook.

3. Discussion questions

Q: Would you consider yourself tech savvy?

I wouldn't really call myself **tech savvy** because I'm not very good at programming, but I have been able to **keep up** with some new tech like VR headsets that have recently come out. I think I've been able to not **fall behind**.

Q: How often do you use social media, messaging services or blogs?

I use **messaging services** everyday actually, it's a big part of life in Korea, but to be honest I don't really get on **social media** that much other than for staying in touch with friends overseas.

Q: Do you prefer to write by hand or type?

It depends. I prefer to give **handwritten letters** because they have a personal touch, but when it comes to important information then I will usually just type it. Some of my family members are **computer illiterate** so they still send me letters.