

How are you today?

Type two adjectives in Slido that describe how you feel right now.

amazed	surprised	inspired	pleased
happy	emotional	grateful	energetic
hungry	hopeful	relaxed	cheerful

Today we will...

practise strategies for reading

previewing

predicting

skimming

scanning

practise pronunciation



We will work with part of this text.

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Digital tech—transforming the way we connect
By Emma Young

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9 to 5 or 24/7?
It's not only teenagers that have shifted their lives online, but also us. 20-somethings starting out in the workplace. If we don't use digital communication, whether it's texts, chats, IMs or email, we won't survive in the working world. The same is true for the companies we work for. Our globalized world has increased business competition, so employers, co-workers and customers need to connect quickly and easily in the workplace. Efficient communication frees up our time, so we can focus on more important aspects of running a successful business such as collaborating and problem-solving. Texting has become a favoured means of communicating, with three quarters of young employees conducting business this way, but the question now is: are we too connected to our workplaces? Do we no longer have enough separation between our work and home life? For most employees in the eighties, work stopped when they headed home each day. This is not the case for us.

The power is in our hands
In January 2012, a Women's March took place in cities around the world from Buenos Aires to Melbourne. Two million people took part in the march for issues such as equality, healthcare and the environment. How were people around the world able to organize an event so big? Through digital technology, of course. Before digital technology, organizing a worldwide event like this was extremely difficult. Not only do we now have the power to connect to people globally, but we also have the power to become citizen journalists at these events. Today, average people are reporting the news as much as professional journalists. If a major event occurs, we rely on the average person to video it or blog about it.

Through digital tech like the smartphone in my pocket right now, we have the power to share information, ideas and knowledge. Some people (I'm talking about you, Mum!) argue that we have too much information now. They argue that we can't tell the difference between what is real and what is fake. These people say digital tech distracts us, that we're watching cat videos instead of doing something meaningful. Some people may think this, but I argue that more information is better: if people share, we will learn and understand our societies and cultures better.

The world has undoubtedly changed since digital technology has become a part of everyday life. Our parents might think we're spoiled, but one thing is clear: we are a much more connected planet, for better or worse.

preview

before

view

look at /see

What does pre mean?



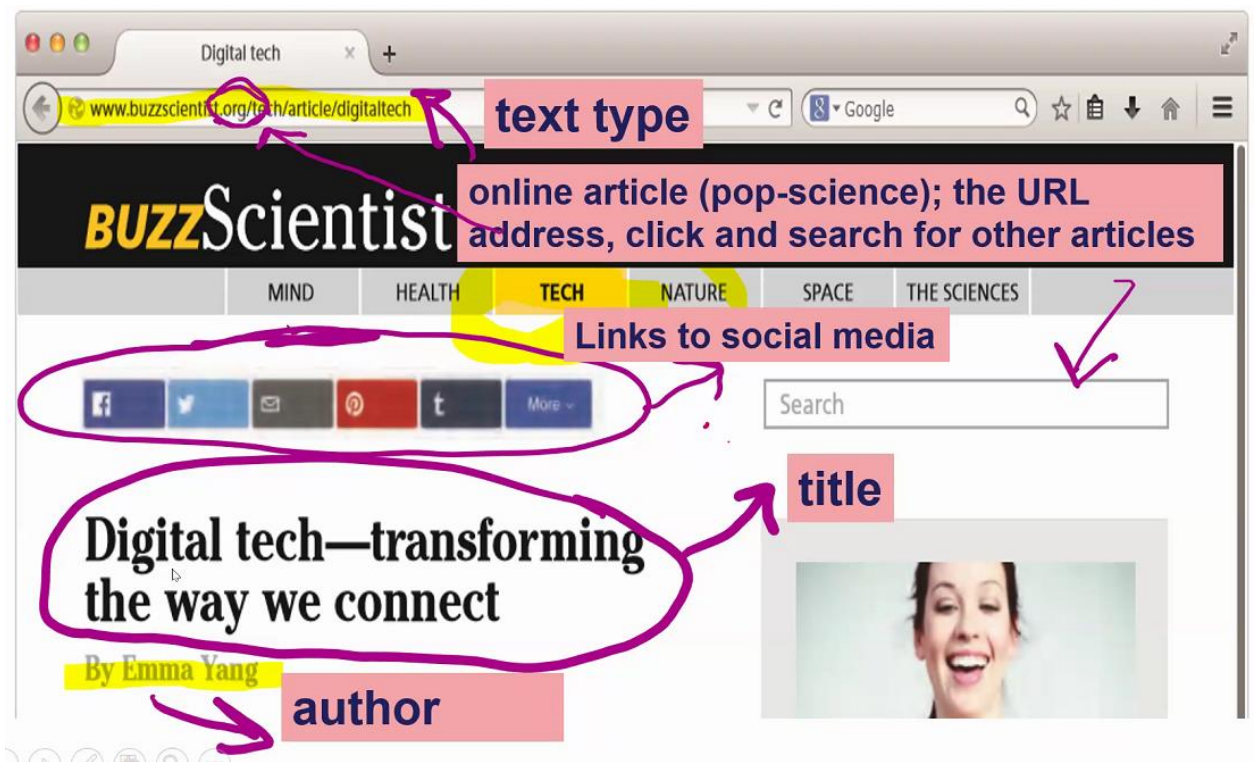
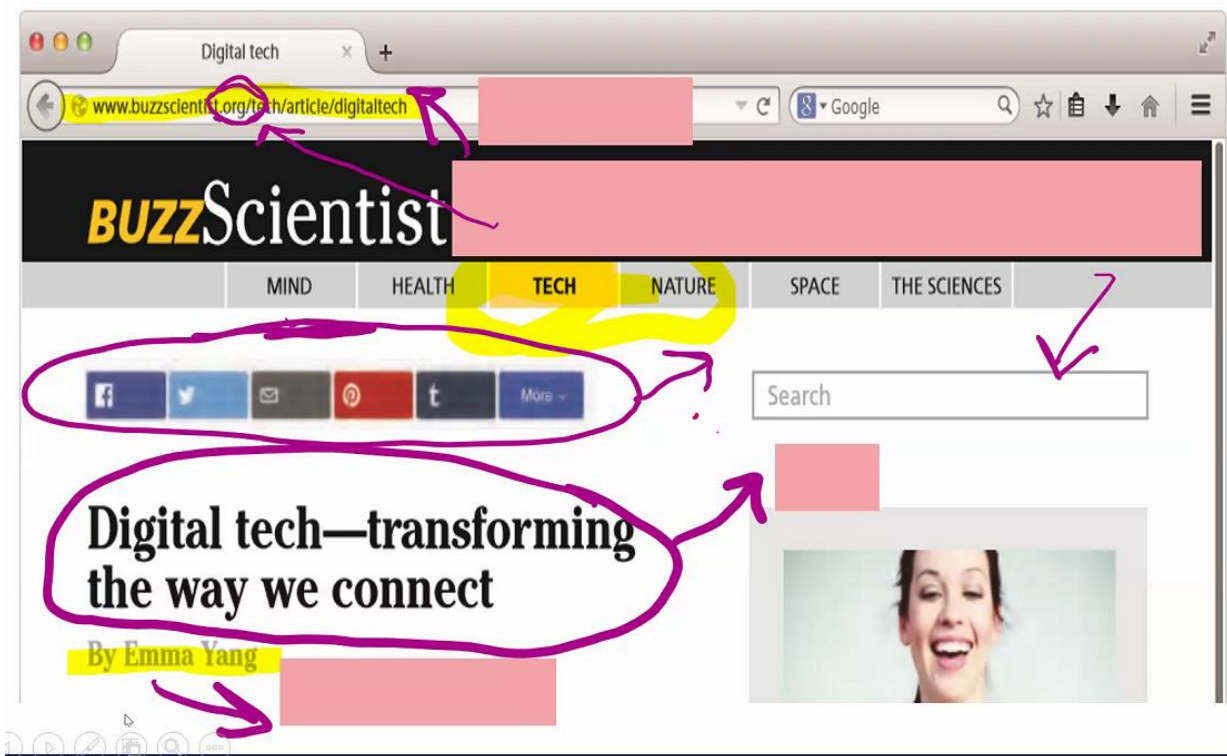
What can you preview before reading?



title
pictures
text type
author

Preview this text for 30 seconds

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows the URL "www.buzzscientist.org/tech/article/digitaltech". The page features the "BUZZScientist" logo in a black header. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for "MIND", "HEALTH", "TECH" (which is highlighted in yellow), "NATURE", "SPACE", and "THE SCIENCES". Under the "TECH" tab, there are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Email, Pinterest, and Tumblr, along with a "More" button. To the right of these icons is a search bar with the word "Search" inside. The main content area displays the article title "Digital tech—transforming the way we connect" in a large, bold font, followed by the author's name "By Emma Yang" in a smaller font. To the right of the text is a small, square image of a smiling woman with dark hair.



so, it's not academic text

Let's start predicting

thinking about
what an author
might say about
the topic



thinking about what
you already know
about the topic

Predict using the title

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Predict using the title

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Can you think of a synonym for this word?

change (v) change (n)

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What does it mean to connect with someone?

Find a way to communicate

we are ready to read

How did we connect with people in the past?

What has changed?

How did we connect with people in the past?

What has changed?



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landline (n)



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answering machine (n)

What has changed?



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letter (n)



face to face

What is the big difference between the past and now?

Past



Now



What is the big difference between the past and now?

Past inconvenient (adj)

required time and patience



Now convenient (adj)

immediate response



What do you see in this picture?



People using technology

People connecting through screens

People keeping in touch

Young people who are a similar age

generation (n)

It is easy to connect anywhere anytime

Tablet, smartphone, laptop

Young people comfortable with tech

Read the introduction

What is the main question the author wants to examine?

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We have already thought of some

Look at these section headings and predict what the writer might say

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What is a hangout?

A place to spend time

Past

cinema

playground

friends' homes

Present

Social media



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The differences

Hangouts of the past

Digital hangouts

The differences

Hangouts of the past

Face to face

socialise (v)



Digital hangouts

alone (adj)

isolated (adj)



Skim the paragraph are our predictions correct?

How do you skim?

Do not read every word.

Move your eyes over the text quickly.

Why skim for predictions?

Checking predictions increases the comprehension of text.



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Hours of work

Past

People worked set hours

Home and work separate

Present

Work anywhere anytime
24 hours a day

More stress

People work more efficiently with tech

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Scanning for specific information

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shopping malls—places where teenagers spent time 25 years ago

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The percentage of teens with social media accounts.



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Type your answer into Slido.

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Read the article again carefully.

Choose the best ending for each sentence.

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These questions will appear in Slido.

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Answer the question

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too much in English is a bad thing

Pronunciation

/b/

blog



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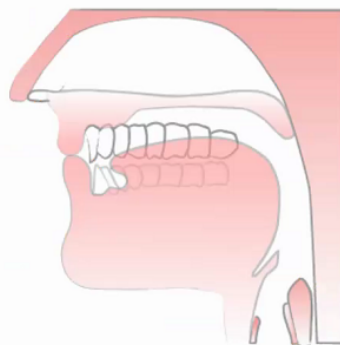
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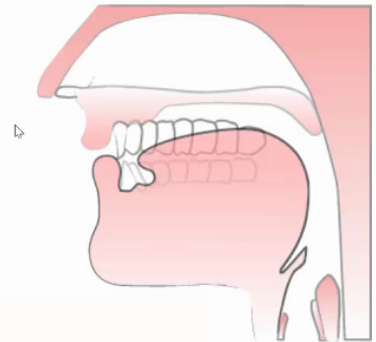
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1./b/



'B SOUND' ILLUSTRATION

2./v/



'V SOUND' ILLUSTRATION

<https://pronuncian.com/sounds>

I will mouth a word

You choose the correct one

1 berry



2 very

1 bane

2 vain



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1 beer



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2 veer



1 ban



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2 van



1 rebel



2 revel



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1 curb



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2 curve



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If beer was banned, it is very likely that the people would rebel.

If **beer** was **banned**, it's **very likely** that the **people** would **rebel**.