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Purland on ELT – Episode 2

w/c 06.02.17 – Technology – Vocabulary and Discussion

Level:

pre-intermediate to advanced – differentiation is possible

Aim:

- to explore new vocabulary about technology
- to discuss technology
- to use listening skills with video input

Definition:

- “a scientific solution to a problem”
- tech or any tool designed to solve a problem

Kinds of Lesson:

- classroom one to one
- online via Skype
- teenager / adult
- one hour

Resources:

Discussion words: vocabulary handout – using method from YATCB – Lesson Plans:

<http://eflmagazine.com/sasproduct/you-are-the-coursebook-lesson-plans/>

Discussion questions from:

<http://iteslj.org/questions/science.html>

<http://www.eslconversationquestions.com/technology/>

Video:

Vurtego Pogo Stick:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcP463KV8PQ&list=PLOHFcbWsNeOXIB0Li6-18CKAGuAqrueDN&index=5> (1st video) <http://www.vurtegapogo.com/>

Cicret bracelet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN2SwwfeCRc&index=4&list=PLOHFcbWsNeOXIB0Li6-18CKAGuAqrueDN> (1st video) <https://cicret.com/wordpress/>

Cubic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN2SwwfeCRc&index=4&list=PLOHFcbWsNeOXIB0Li6-18CKAGuAqrueDN> (2nd video) <http://cubicrobotics.com/>

Think:

1. What was the problem that this invention set out to solve?
2. Does it solve the problem? Why? / Why not?
3. Would you buy it?

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Extension / Homework:

technology report
invention
short story (sci-fi?)

Feedback:

“You choose very interesting topic.”

Interesting for me:

- discussing the cubic video – is connected home a possibility, a reality? (reviews on Google Play store...)
- an opportunity to discuss an up-to-date word list, e.g. crowdfunding and 3D printing
- discussing cloning – film idea: 5 of me, or male and female clone; swapping bodies – keep the head?!
- solar car
- creating the word list – useful for the future
- using the TV
- technology through the ages
- time travel not included because it's not possible, compared with cloning
- could I be replaced by a robot? Could my job be done efficiently by a robot?