**The Internet of Things**

**What is the ‘Internet of Things’?**

Everyone knows that the Internet connects people, but now it does more than that – it connects objects, too. These days, computers often communicate with each other; for example, your TV automatically downloads your favourite TV show, or your ‘satnav’ system tells you where you are. This is known as the ‘Internet of Things’, and there’s a lot more to come.

**An easy Life**

In just a few years’ time, experts say that billions of machines will be connected to each other and to the Internet. As a consequence, computers will increasingly run our lives for us. For example, your fridge will know when you need more milk and add it to your online shopping list; **your** windows will close if it is likely to rain; your watch will record your heart rate and email your doctor; and your sofa will tell you when you need to stand up and get some exercise!

**A frightening future**

Many people are excited about the ‘Internet of Things’. For them, a dream is coming true. They say that our lives will be easier and more comfortable. However, **others** are not so sure. They want to keep control of their own lives and their own things. In addition, they wonder what would happen if criminals managed to access their passwords and security settings. The dream could easily become a nightmare!

1. Internet of things connects objects. Write down two examples on it.
2. In near future, machines will be connected to each other and to the Internet. Write down the result of that.
3. According to experts, in near future, computers will run our lives for us. Write down two examples on that.
4. Write down the sentence which indicates that computers will make our life easier in the future.
5. Many people are excited about the Internet of things for a reason. Write it down.
6. Other people are pessimistic about the Internet of things for two reasons. Write them down.
7. Write down the sentence which indicates that some people are afraid of the future with the Internet of things.
8. What does the Internet of things mean?
9. How will the Internet of things help you to keep fit?
10. Why are many people excited about the future?
11. Why are other people worried about the future?
12. Find a word in the text which means “**people who have committed crimes**”
13. What does the underlined pronoun “**others**” in the third paragraph, refer to?
14. What does the underlined pronoun “**your**” in the second paragraph, refer to?

**Critical Thinking**

Our future could be in danger with the Internet of things. Think of this statement, and in two sentences, write down your point of view.