

Top 7 Wonders of the Technological World

With all the discussion regarding the new 7 wonders of the world, here is the list of the Top 7 Wonders of the Technological World.

7. iPod – It had a tremendous impact worldwide on how we listen to music, how we buy music, and how we perceive entertainment as a whole.

6. International Space Station – It taught us we can work together peacefully: the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada, and numerous European nations, all together in the pursuit of scientific knowledge.

5. Linux – It truly opened the door to Open Source software for more people than any other open source project.

4. Hubble Space Telescope – Children of today do not need to look to the sky and wonder – Hubble brought the beauty of the heavens to the face of the Earth.

3. Lasers – are useful in thousands of highly varied applications in every section of modern society, including consumer electronics, information technology, science, medicine, industry, entertainment, and the military.

2. The Computer Computers – are used in virtually every area of human life – including medicine, science, crime detection, entertainment, and much more. It has revolutionized so many aspects of our lives that it is now hard to imagine life without it.

1. The Internet – Our daily life relies heavily on the internet – not just for information gathering and research, but for shopping, entertainment, news, and communication. We can now speak to any person on the planet without the high costs imposed by telephone companies. There can be no doubt, the Internet is the greatest wonder of the technological world.

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READING COMPREHENSION

A. Chose the correct meaning for the words below.

1. wonder

- a. something surprising and amazing
- b. something very expensive
- c. something old

2. perceive

- a. enjoy
- b. understand
- c. get

3. pursuit

- a. the act of fighting for something
- b. the act of going to war
- c. the act of earning money

4. rely (relies)

- a. lie again
- b. can live without
- c. depend on

5. doubt

- a. certainty
- b. uncertainty
- c. sure

B. Find the opposites of the following verbs in the text.

1. sell
2. learned
3. closed
4. took

C. Choose the best word or phrase for each sentence according to the text.

iPod	Computer	Internet	International Space Station
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1. The biggest technological invention was the _____.
2. Our lives changed dramatically in every area with the _____.
3. The _____ made the world more peaceful.
4. With the _____ we carry music with us everywhere.

D. Answer the questions.

1. Which countries work in the International Space Station?
2. Why was Linux so important?
3. What did the Hubble Space Telescope give us?
4. What do we use the Internet for?

GRAMMAR

A. Correct what is wrong with the following adjectives in italics.

e.g. *I bought some beautifuls boots. I bought some beautiful boots.*

1. Uau! You live in a house very *big*. _____
2. Look at my new *blues* jeans! _____
3. She was *happy not* with what you did. _____
4. The girl I met had hair *long* blonde. _____

B. Rewrite the following sentences in the past perfect.

e.g. *I saw a very cheap mobile phone on sale. I had seen a very cheap mobile phone on sale.*

1. Computers were huge in the past.

2. The Space Station worked as a scientific research unit.

3. Microsoft replaced Linux in many ways.

4. Technology changed our lives like nothing else.
