Listening for specific information

In this activity you will practise listening for specific information. For these tasks you will practise listening for percentages, and listening for prepositions.

Activity 1: Listening for statistics. You are going to hear an extract about a survey on computers. Listen to the audio and answer the following questions.

What percentage or fraction of people in the survey say that they:
1. Have used a computer?
2. Have a computer?
3. Have a video game set at home?
4. Use their home computer every day?
5. Use a home computer only a few times a week?
6. Their schools have computers?
7. Have had classes on how to use a computer?
8. Are against technology?
9. Believe that it is good that more and more things are being done by computers?
10. Believe computers will increase unemployment?

Listen to the extract.

Activity 2: Listening for words. In this task, you should listen to the first part of the extract again, and complete the gaps in the paragraph below. All the words which have been excluded are prepositions, which are often quite difficult to hear. You will need to concentrate for this task!

_______ a nationwide survey ____________ the attitudes ____________ more than 500 young people in Britain, people aged between 12 and 19 were asked about computers. Ninety percent ____________ the young people sampled claimed to have used a computer, and 43 per cent said they had computers ____________ home. As it happens, the same proportion had a videogame set ____________ home as well, which might suggest that some households are technologically deprived, whereas others are over-stocked. Interestingly, a quarter ____________ the sample claimed to use the home computer every day, and another quarter a few times a week, which puts them well ____________ the road to becoming “hacks”. Nearly 60 percent had also used video recorders and, unlike many adults, appeared to be quite familiar ____________, and competent ____________, recording programs.