## Listening practice 1

### Activity 1: What percentage or fraction of people in the survey say that they:

1. Have used a computer? 90%
2. Have a computer? 43%
3. Have a video game set at home? 43%
4. Use their home computer every day? One quarter
5. Use a home computer only a few times a week? One quarter
6. Their schools have computers? 93%
7. Have had classes on how to use a computer? Nearly 60%
8. Are against technology? One third
9. Believe that it is good that more and more things are being done by computers? 15%
10. Believe computers will increase unemployment? Two thirds

### Activity 2: Listening for words.

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

## Guessing contexts – possible answers

1. The weather has got colder, as predicted by the speaker. The implication is that the other person has just said that he or she is cold.
2. The speaker’s partner has just made a reference to the speaker’s book, but has called it ‘my book’.
3. The speaker is reluctant to give his/her partner a lift home, but it is clear that the partner wants to go home.
4. The speaker is referring to the time.
5. The speaker is travelling in a vehicle with his/her partner.
6. The speaker has been offered a drink or some food.
7. The speaker’s partner has just offered to give some information to a third party. The speaker is not appreciative of the offer.
8. The speaker has been told that it is time to go.