**☐ Part 1 Vocabulary**

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| **Difficult word/phrase** | **Translation** | **Easier replacement** |
| persistence |  | constant trying/not going away |
| perseverance |  | (the quality of continuing to do/try something for a long time) |
| essence |  | (basic, built-in, important qualities/scent) |
| ingenuity |  | intelligence |
| insightful |  | intelligent |
| extraordinarily |  | amazingly |
| pragmatic |  | practical |
| unrivaled |  | (without any competition) |
| breakthrough |  | (sudden progress past an old problem) |
| dynamo |  | energy generator |
| more efficient |  | (producing more with less waste) |
| ambitious |  | high-reaching |
| generating |  | creating |
| envision |  | imagine |
| alternating current |  | electric current that switches between positive and negative |
| the traditional |  | the usual |
| verge |  | edge |
| direct current |  | electricity that only flows one way |
| concept |  | idea |
| investors |  | people or businesses who give money to help start businesses |

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**☐ Part 2** **Nikola Tesla vs Thomas Edison**

Watch 10-15 minutes of *Nikola Tesla vs Thomas Edison*: <https://youtu.be/Cidg4Xfpjmc>

**☐ Part 3 Discussion**

**Turn to the student(s) next to you, and discuss some of these topics:**

1. Do you think technology has made our lives better or worse?
2. Do you think technology has made us too lazy? Why or why not?
3. Do you think life today is easier than life in the past thanks to technology?
4. What do you think about creating new weapons using technology?
5. What do you think about the development of robots? Do you think they will be dangerous in the future?
6. How was the world different before the wheel was invented?’
7. How do people invent things?
8. What invention do you think an ant might like?
9. Do you think that the Internet is the good or the evil? Why?

Questions from: <http://www.meaenglish.com/2016/06/technology-english-conversation.html> <https://englishconversationquestions.com/keywords/inventions/> http://iteslj.org/questions/inventions.html

**☐ Part 4 Matching**

**For each word or phrase, write the number of the matching definition.**

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| **Difficult word or phrase** | **Definition** |
| \_\_\_\_\_perseverance | **1:** constant trying/not going away |
| \_\_\_\_\_unrivaled | **2:** (the quality of continuing to do/try something for a long time) |
| \_\_\_\_\_verge | **3:** (basic, built-in, important qualities/scent) |
| \_\_\_\_\_the traditional | **4:** intelligence |
| \_\_\_\_\_envision | **5:** intelligent |
| \_\_\_\_\_dynamo | **6:** amazingly |
| \_\_\_\_\_concept | **7:** practical |
| \_\_\_\_\_more efficient | **8:** (without any competition) |
| \_\_\_\_\_persistence | **9:** (exciting and new) |
| \_\_\_\_\_breakthrough | **10:** energy generator |
| \_\_\_\_\_essence | **11:** (producing more with less waste) |
| \_\_\_\_\_extraordinarily | **12:** high-reaching |
| \_\_\_\_\_investors | **13:** creating |
| \_\_\_\_\_generating | **14:** imagine |
| \_\_\_\_\_ambitious | **15:** (electric current that switches between positive and negative) |
| \_\_\_\_\_direct current | **16:** the usual |
| \_\_\_\_\_insightful | **17:** edge |
| \_\_\_\_\_alternating current | **18:** (electricity that only flows one way) |
| \_\_\_\_\_pragmatic | **19:** idea |
| \_\_\_\_\_ingenuity | **20:** (people or businesses who give money to help start businesses) |

If there is time

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