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Vocabulary

Unit5 – Lesson3
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1 BEFORE YOU LISTEN

A What kinds of technology do you use that make your life easier? How often do you use them?



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Have your Ss do the task for a couple of minutes. Then check the answers in class.

COMPLETE THE PARAGRAPH WITH WORDS FROM THE BOX.

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entertain - remote - depict – exaggerate - retain

Lately, I've seen a lot of complaints in the news ____1____ about how technology isn't as good as we think it is. People say that tech companies____2____ how much their products benefit us and that their vision of a wonderful high-tech future is a lie. These people often ____3____ a future where lazy humans are fully dependent on their devices. But I disagree. I think technology is great! I am so used to the ____4____ of doing everything on the phone that I can't imagine living without it. And when I'm at home, I just have to give the command and my ____5____ turns on the lights, adjusts the temperature, or finds a song for me. I don't even need to push a button on the ____6____ . Everyone keeps complaining that we don't memorize maps or ____7____ phone numbers anymore, but who cares? I can still use my brain for more important things. I'm perfectly capable of ____8____ and understanding complex ideas. It's true that a lot of new technology doesn't have any real purpose—it is simply designed to ____9____ us-but it makes life more fun and more convenient. That's good enough for me!

B 05-14 VOCABULARY Listen. Then listen and repeat.



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retain: to keep information in your memory, such as numbers, dates, or facts

critical thinking: the ability to make a careful judgment about something

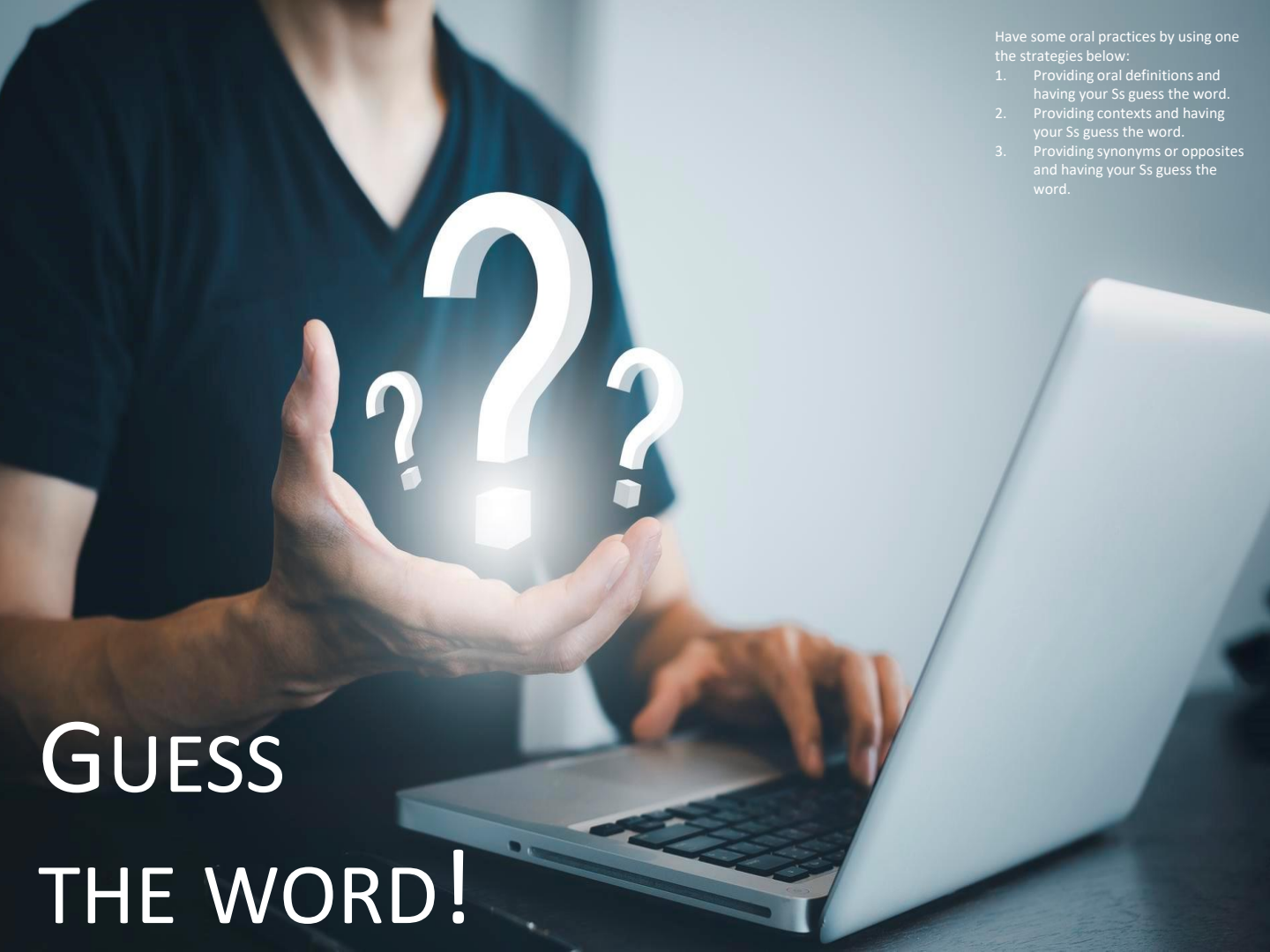
media: the organizations that provide news and information

Have the Ss do the task in class. Nominate the Ss for their answers.

C Complete the sentences with words from 1B.

1. I can tell my _____ to play music, change the TV channel, and turn on the lights.
2. I'm glad I can use my phone to remember all of the information I can't _____ .
3. Nowadays if you're bored, you always have the internet to _____ you.
4. I have one _____ for my TV and another for the audio. It's very annoying!
5. In the old days, there were a few TV channels and a lot of newspapers, but now the most important _____ source is the internet.
6. Getting food delivered is expensive, but you're paying for the _____ .
7. The new movie will _____ the life of a famous politician.
8. Paying attention to both sides of an argument can help you improve your _____ .
9. Companies often _____ the importance of their new technology. It's not usually very different from what we already have.

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Have some oral practices by using one the strategies below:

1. Providing oral definitions and having your Ss guess the word.
2. Providing contexts and having your Ss guess the word.
3. Providing synonyms or opposites and having your Ss guess the word.

GUESS THE WORD!