

StartUp 5

Writing

Unit8 – Lesson5

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WHAT NEW TECHNOLOGY DO YOU THINK WILL CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE LIVE OR WORK IN THE FUTURE? MAKE A PREDICTION.

Have Ss read the task and answer the questions. Then elicit their answers in class.

Have Ss skim the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

READ THE WEBSITE ARTICLE ABOUT A POSSIBLE FUTURE TECHNOLOGY.

WHAT WILL PEOPLE BE ABLE TO DO?

Space | Communication | Technology

FUTURE TECH

Do you wonder if Earth is big enough for our growing population? The world's cities are becoming more crowded every year. Having enough land and clean water for everyone on Earth could be a problem in the future, but the answer may be found on the moon or another planet, where humans could build new towns and cities. But how could we even get people to space? And how could humans travel through space quickly and inexpensively?

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Teach the writing skill and have the Ss do the task in class.

2 FOCUS ON WRITING

A Read the Writing Skill. Underline the problem identified in the article.

WRITING SKILL Explain a problem and solution

To explain a problem and solution, first, clearly state the problem and the reasons why it is a problem. Then explain the solution. Add details about why the solution would work and what the result of the solution would be.

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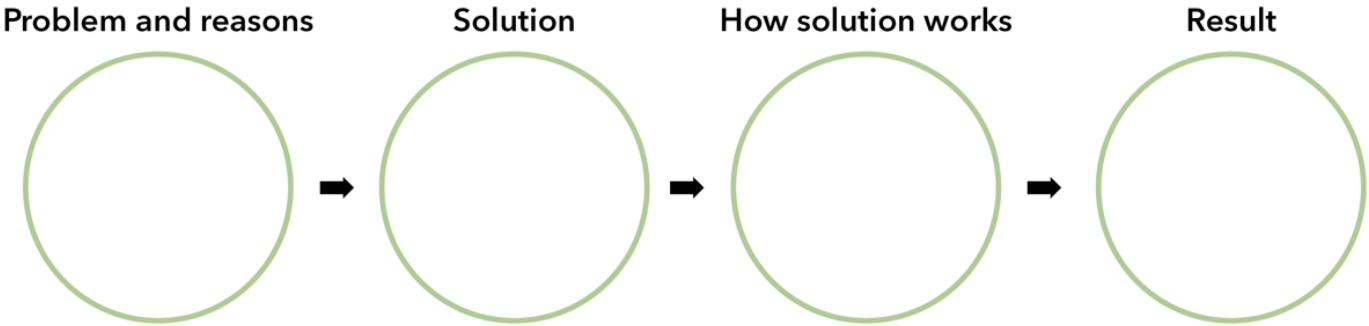
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B Read the article again. Complete the chart with information about the problem and the solution.



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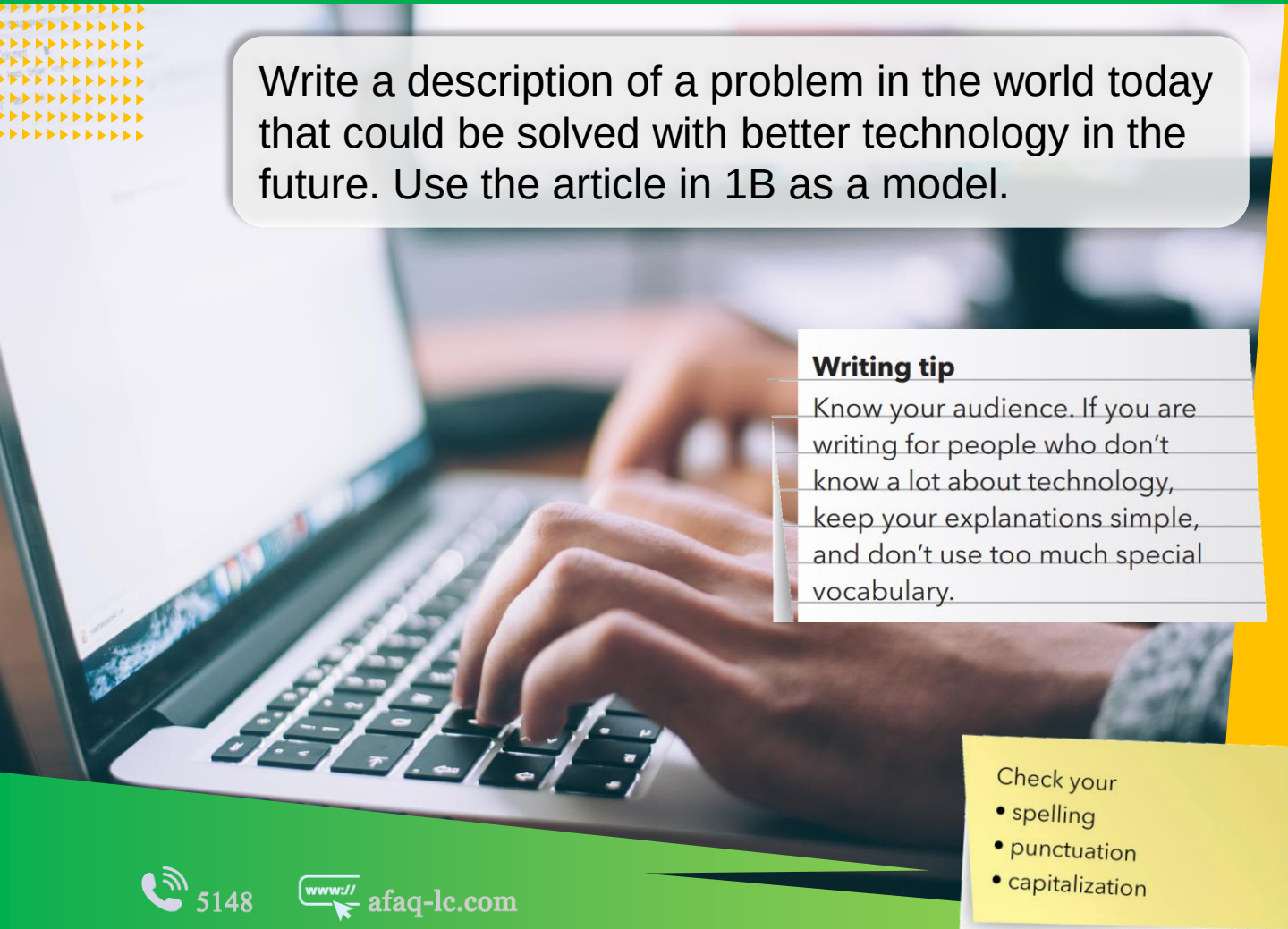
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Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write a description of a problem in the world today that could be solved with better technology in the future. Use the article in 1B as a model.



Writing tip

Know your audience. If you are writing for people who don't know a lot about technology, keep your explanations simple, and don't use too much special vocabulary.

Check your
- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization