

## Activity Book /exercises 11+12

**11** Read the article once more, then answer the questions.

1. What does the 'Internet of Things' mean? Give an example from the text.

It means the connections between different computers. Examples from the text are TV downloads and sat nav.

2. Find a word in the first paragraph which has the same meaning as 'speak to'.

Communicate

3. How will the 'Internet of Things' help you to keep fit, according to the text?

The sofa will tell you when to get some exercise.

4 What does the word 'others' in bold in the third paragraph refer to?

Other people with a different opinion.

5 According to the text, why are some people excited about the future? Why are others worried?

Some people are excited because they think that their lives will be made easier and more comfortable.

Others are worried because they want to keep control of their own lives and their own things.

6. In your opinion, is the 'Internet of Things' exciting or worrying? Why?

Suggested answer:

In my opinion, I think that we have to be the ones who control our own lives with the help of computers. so, we can make a balance to get all the possible benefits of the "Internet of things" without losing control of our lives.

## 12 What are the advantages and disadvantages of the "Internet of Things"? Read the lists and add your own ideas.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<p><b>health:</b> monitor health and activity; fridges advise on healthy eating; more time to relax; connect with our doctors when needed; measure our pressure and temperature.</p> <p><b>transport:</b> driverless cars - automatically avoid crashes; traffic controlled more efficiently – no more traffic jams; decides on the best route; tells the locations and directions.</p> <p><b>at home:</b> control washing machines, cookers, etc. with your phone; lights and heating go on and off automatically (saving energy); tell what household supplies needed; order things.</p> <p><b>leisure:</b> smart TV automatically downloads your favourite shows; music systems play music to suit your mood;</p>	<p><b>Privacy:</b> everything you do is tracked; exposed to the outer world; your personal data and information will be shared by a lot of people.</p> <p><b>security:</b> criminals could get control of your personal information; criminals could take over the whole system; hackers may attack and take your accounts.</p> <p><b>safety:</b> computers sometimes fail - consequences could be terrible; the system could break down.</p> <p><b>employment:</b> many thousands of jobs are lost; need for thousands of computer experts; many computer programmers lack knowledge and experience.</p>

