Super English

Level 7 - Unit 4
Lesson 1
Tech Jobs

Tech Jobs: The Future is Now

Read the text and explain the words in bold.

Ever wonder who actually builds the apps you use every day? Or how your data stays safe (well, mostly safe) online? That's where tech careers come in. From coding video games to fighting off **cybercriminals**, technology jobs are some of the coolest— and highest paying—careers out there. But how do you get into one of these **fields**? Do you need a degree? And let's be real— how much do they actually pay? Whether you want to build the next big app or outsmart **hackers**, tech careers offer serious opportunities (and, yeah, some serious **paychecks** too).

1. What are some benefits of working in technology?
2. Does a career in technology interest you? Why or why not?

Coding Your Way to Success

Read the text and explain the words in bold.

1. Do you think everyone should learn basic coding? Why or why not?
2. Do you think it's better to learn coding in college, online, or at boot camps.

So, you like video games, apps, or just making things work? Software development might be for you. These are the people who turn ideas into actual apps, websites, and video games. They write **code** using languages like Python, Java, and C++ (which, yes, sounds scary but isn't that bad once you get into it). Do you need a **degree**? Not always—some developers go to college for computer science, but plenty learn through online courses or **boot camps**. The payoff? An average salary of $110,000 per year, and if you're really good, way more than that. Not bad for staring at a screen all day.

Guardians of the Internet

Read the text and explain the words in bold.

Ever think about how much personal info you have online? Cybercriminals definitely do. That's why cybersecurity experts exist—to stop them. These are the people who protect companies, banks, and even governments from getting hacked. (Yes, actual hackers try to break into systems daily.) Cybersecurity pros set up **firewalls**, detect threats, and basically keep the internet from becoming complete **chaos**. Some get degrees in cybersecurity, while others earn certifications like Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) or CompTIA Security+. The best part? Salaries start around $90,000 and can go up to $150,000+—because companies really don't want to be the next big data **breach** story.

1. Why is cybersecurity becoming more important?
2. What's the worst thing that could happen if someone hacked your phone?

Idioms

Match the idioms to their meanings.

- A glitch in the system
- Plugged in
- Cutting-edge
- Hit the reset button
- Wired differently
- Back to the drawing board

1. Being well-informed or connected to the latest trends or information.
2. Restarting a project or plan after failure or setback.
3. Thinking or behaving in a unique or unconventional way.
4. A small problem or error in a process or system.
5. Extremely modern, advanced, or innovative.
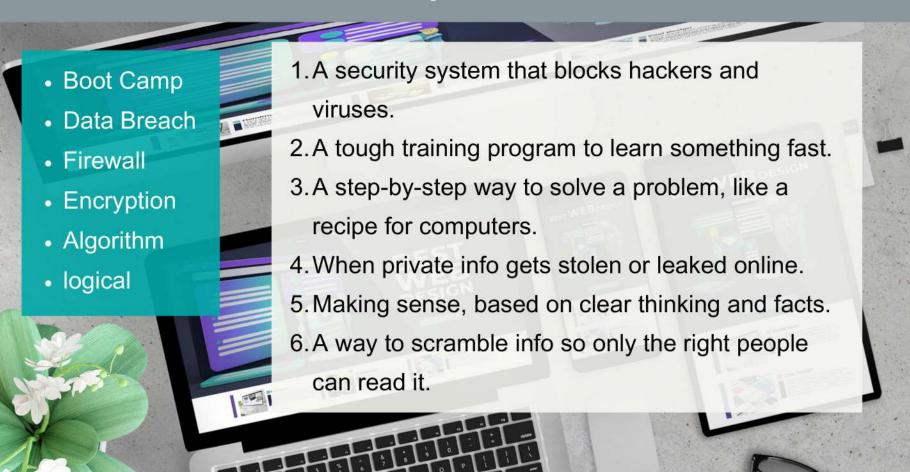6. Start over or make a fresh beginning.

Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- Boot Camp
- Data Breach
- Firewall
- Encryption
- Algorithm
- logical

1. A security system that blocks hackers and viruses.
2. A tough training program to learn something fast.
3. A step-by-step way to solve a problem, like a recipe for computers.
4. When private info gets stolen or leaked online.
5. Making sense, based on clear thinking and facts.
6. A way to scramble info so only the right people can read it.

Super English

Read the dialogue and answer the question.

Jake: So, apparently, you can make over 100K a year just by writing code.

Zoe: Yeah, if you actually understand what all those weird symbols mean.

Jake: How hard can it be? You just type stuff, and boom—an app.

Zoe: Sure, except one tiny mistake and the whole thing crashes. Hope you like staring at error messages for hours.

Jake: Okay, so maybe I'll just design the app and let someone else do the coding.

Zoe: Good call. That way, you can just blame them when it breaks.

Question: Whats the most useful app that you have?

Read the text and answer the questions.

Ethical Hacker

🔍 **What They Do:** Hack into computer systems legally to find security weaknesses before real hackers do.

💰 **Salary Range:** $80,000 – $150,000+ per year

🎓 **Education & Training:**

- Degree in cybersecurity, computer science, or IT (not always required).
- Certifications like Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) or Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP).

🏛️ **Where They Work:** Tech companies, government agencies (FBI, NSA, military), cybersecurity firms. Some work remotely or as freelance consultants for multiple companies.

Question: If you had this job, where would you want to work?

See you next time!