

## Gadgets – Glossary

**access** verb [transitive]

to get information, especially from a computer  
*The database allows you to access the sales figures in a number of ways.*

**amazing** adjective

used about something surprising that is also very impressive  
*I think you are doing an amazing job with those children.*

**as for** phrase

used for introducing a subject that is related to what you have just been talking about  
*As for the children, they were happy enough to spend all day on the beach.*

**at the touch of a button** phrase

if a machine works at the touch of a button, it works extremely quickly and easily  
*Customers can buy and sell stock at the touch of a button.*

**brick** noun [countable]

a block used for building walls and other structures  
*He laid every brick himself.*

**cell phone** noun [countable]

a telephone you can carry around with you

**check** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to examine someone or something in order to find out if something is present  
*Have you checked your email?*

**[it/that] depends** verb [mainly spoken]

used when you cannot give a definite answer, because different things are possible in different situations

**dinosaur** noun [countable]

someone or something that is very old-fashioned and no longer useful or effective

**e-book** noun [countable]

a book published on the internet

**electronic** adjective

involving the use of electronic equipment, especially computers  
*an electronic voting system*

**equipment** noun [uncountable]

the tools, machines, or other things that you need for a particular job or activity  
*camping/lifting/safety equipment*

**GPS** noun [uncountable]

global positioning system: a system for finding exactly where you are anywhere in the world using satellites (objects that go around the earth high in the sky)

**high tech** adjective

using the most modern or advanced technology available  
*high tech computer companies*

**handy** adjective

useful  
*a handy electronic organizer*

**invent** verb [transitive]

to design or create something such as a machine or process that did not exist before  
*Alfred Nobel invented dynamite.*

**latest** adjective

most recent or newest  
*his latest novel*

**model** noun [countable]

a particular type of vehicle or machine that a company makes  
*I'm going to replace my car with a newer model.*

**save someone's life** phrase

to stop someone from dying  
*A man who was passing saved her life by pulling her out of the water.*

**store** verb [transitive]

to save information in electronic form, for example in a computer's memory  
*The design can be stored on a floppy disk.*

**technology** noun [countable/uncountable]

advanced scientific knowledge used for practical purposes, especially in industry  
*computer/software/military technology*

**waste** verb [transitive]

to use more of something than is necessary, or use it in a way that does not produce the best results

