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UNIT 2

EMPHASIZING OBJECTS

“Old and New Technology”



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INSTRUCTIONS: Read the next article and pay attention to the words in different colors.

Old and New Technology



Old inventions are not necessarily eliminated by the new ones. After all, people did not stop riding bicycles after the car **was invented**. Thus, older inventions may be replaced, but they seldom

disappear because new roles **are created** for them. Some of the best examples of this are from the field of long-distance communication. Until the 19th century, communication **had been limited** by distance and time. Then, it came a series of amazing inventions that extended the range of human communication. Each of these inventions **was**

expected to replace existing technology. For example, when the telephone **was invented** in 1876, it was feared that letters would become obsolete. When television **was introduced** in the 1940s, many people worried that it would lead to the “death” of radio. And as television became more popular, people worried



that it would be lead to “death” of books and reading. But it is clear that these predictions were wrong. The older technologies---letters,



books and radio--- have not disappeared. Instead their roles **have been changed** by the appearance of new technology. Television together with the automobile has provided a new role for the radio. Both television and radio have created new roles for the newspaper. And all of these have affected the book.

The technology of the 21st century is progressing rapidly. With the availability and affordability of the personal computer, more and more households are wired to the World Wide Web on the Internet. This puts the individual in contact with people and information that **can be located** anywhere in the world. As a result, communication today is both more global and more personal than ever before.



At the same time, the inventions of one and two centuries before still play important roles in the daily life of millions of people over the world. The telephone and television, in their new forms, such as the cell phone and PDAs are still with us. And, oh yes, that most ancient technology, the books still with us, too.



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