

EVOLVE LEVEL 6, Unit Quiz 1B

- Hayley** What's that noise?
- Nathan** That's our robot cleaner. My girlfriend wanted one. I was a bit resistant at first, but now I love it. Initially, it didn't save us any time because we used to watch it, fascinated to see if it was cleaning every inch of the house, but now we just let it work.
- Hayley** How often do you use it?
- Nathan** Initially, it came on four times a week, but it was annoying on the weekends because you have to keep jumping over it as it cleans everywhere. Also, if I was doing any work at home it was a bit noisy. So now it only runs during the week. It takes two hours to clean our apartment and does a pretty good job. The only problem now is that before it starts you have to make sure the apartment is free of obstacles, if you don't, it gets stuck on shoe laces and cords.
- Hayley** I think we'll see more robots and virtual assistants at home in the future.
- Nathan** I'm not sure about robots, but I do think new houses will be built with all the lighting, heating, and appliances connected, so you can operate them remotely from an assistant or from your phone.
- Hayley** Undoubtedly. And don't forget entertainment. A virtual assistant can play any song you ask it to.
- Nathan** True, but a fully smart home could be expensive.
- Hayley** You could look at it that way, but it could also save you money by programming your heating to come on when needed and having smart systems to know which parts of your home waste energy.
- Nathan** And smart homes could have motion detectors and security cameras that you could watch even when you were away. In fact, you could control everything in your home remotely.
- Hayley** I agree. Here comes your robot again!