MODERN SOCIETY

In what way is your life affected by advances in science and technology? Do you personally use any machines that have freed you from hard work or save your time and energy?

How do technical inventions affect ways of spending leisure time?

Children can easily get hooked on / obsessed with computer / electronic games. Is there a link between computer games and crime (e.g. stealing money from one's parents)? Are there any other risks, perhaps health risks?

What, in your opinion, were the most outstanding inventions in science and technology in the past fifty years?

What is a Nobel Prize, and who was Nobel? What did he invent, and do you find it in any way ironic? Does this country have any Nobel Prize winners?

What changes did the "Velvet Revolution" in Czechoslovakia bring about? What are the positive aspects of life without the Iron Curtain? What are some of the negative aspects?

Why do some people protest against globalisation?

In what way do some people in this country abuse the ideals of freedom and democracy? Discuss the rise of modern crimes, e.g. "tunnelling".

What are your views on capital punishment – is it inhuman or a deterrent?

Do you think that Czechs are a racist nation? Have you got any personal experience with racism or do you know someone who has?