

Are you a Techie or a Technophobe?

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Are you naturally drawn to high-tech devices - attracted to the way they work, and how they function? Or are you the type of person who sees a high-tech product and is immediately fearful of it, refuses to figure out how to use it, and doesn't even take it out of the box if you don't have to? Simply put: Are you a techie or a technophobe? Take our quiz to find out.

1. **You receive an iPod for a holiday gift. After unwrapping it, you:**
 - A) Are excited to upload all your favorite songs to it, and toss your old, out-dated one.
 - B) Stare at it for awhile, and wonder what it is.
 - C) Read the directions as you are not quite sure how to use it. But you are sure you can figure it out.
2. **You are in the market for a new computer, so you:**
 - A) Go to an electronics store and compare the different features, memory options and functions that each computer model includes.
 - B) Ask someone who "knows about computers" to find, and order one for you.
 - C) Conduct online research, price shop and chose a computer based on your needs and uses for it.
3. **You are talking to colleagues and they're discussing applications for the iPad:**
 - A) You talk about some of the newest applications you've discovered.
 - B) You stay very silent and resist the temptation to ask, "What is an iPad?"
 - C) You ask several questions that will help you learn more about the iPad, for which you know very little knowledge.
4. **Your significant other ordered a new cable package for your home, and the installer is showing you how to use it, so you:**
 - A) Pay attention so you can pass the information along to your significant other.
 - B) Ask if there is a booklet or manual, as well as a phone number your partner can call because you'll never remember a word the installer told you.
 - C) Listen carefully, and jot down notes so you can illustrate it to your partner later.
5. **You have a new job and are told you have to work with computer software you've never used, so you:**
 - A) Pay close attention to the person training you, and feel confident you'll retain the information.
 - B) Ask if there is a longer training class because everything sounds foreign to you.
 - C) Listen intently to the training, and buy an additional instruction manual you can refer to later.
6. **When you are in an electronics store, you are:**
 - A) Drawn to the newest high-tech products, gadgets and items.
 - B) Uninterested and have the sudden urge to leave before buying anything.
 - C) Likely to browse, read the display descriptions and try to learn more about products that capture your interest.
7. **When you see a commercial for an electronic product that claims to simplify your life, you:**
 - A) Stop what you are doing and listen to the advertisement. Next, go online to get more information about the product.
 - B) Change the channel.
 - C) Listen to the commercial, but if it's too high-tech, decide not to purchase it.

Give yourself five points for every "A," three points for each "B," and one point for every "C."

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I would like to. I think it is something I would like to do with Shah Rukh because I debuted with him. I mean, we all know how successful all of his shows are, and some of my biggest songs are with him and *Om Shanti Om*. I would love to do a world tour. I love dancing and I like performing, but I want to make sure that I have a bank of songs before I do that. Also, because I am really passionate about dance I want to make sure that I have enough time to do my rehearsals and perfect it before we start performing.

How is Vishal-Shekar's music for *Break Ke Baad*?

It's nice. It's in a very nice indie-rock space. There are a couple of songs I like. There's a song called 'Dooriyan' which actually talks about how space in a relationship is important. There is another track 'Dhoop Ke Makaan' which is a slightly sad love song, which I really like, but at the same time it is not one of those typically slow love songs. It is the kind of music that I think everyone likes listening to these

days.

You have two films releasing almost back to back...

Yes, a week after *Break Ke Baad* I have *Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Sey* coming out on December 3rd, where I play a very different de-glam role.

We also hear that you are back in the UK next year for a shoot?

Yes. I have just started working on a new film called *Desi Boyz*. It's with **John** and **Akshay**. I have started the Bombay schedule already, and we will be shooting in London for a month in February I think.

There are also rumors that you have signed *Race 2*?

It is not a rumor anymore, I am doing it. I can't talk about the film right now, but yes I can confirm that I am a part of it and we start in the middle of next year.

***Break Ke Baad* releases November 26**

Quiz results

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Results:

If your score is 30 or above you are a true "techie." In fact, you love anything state-of-the-art and high-tech. When you see a new gadget, you can't wait to get your hands on it to not only see how it works, but learn more about what you can do with it. You are drawn to high-tech products that can simplify your life, and you enjoy learning how to integrate these items into your life. In fact, you often find yourself searching the Web for new high-tech gadgets. For this reason, you are a true lover of technology and adapt well to the high-tech world in which we live.

If you've scored 20 to 29 you are a technophobe. You are afraid of anything electronic, computerized or new in the world of technology. Because of your phobia of technology, you often rely on others to explain or show you how to use high-tech products. In fact, you are afraid you can't grasp any high-tech concepts on your own. A good way to "grow out of" being a technophobe is to research new products. Actively seek out new high-tech items and make an effort to learn about how they work and what they can do for your life.

If your score is 19 or below you are neither a techie nor a technophobe. You are attracted to some high-tech items. You adapt to changes in technology when it comes to new computer software for your job. But you are not the type of person to stand in line at the electronics store when a new iPod is released. You care little about fancy high-tech items; you are only interested in those gadgets that are needed to keep up with the level of technology that is considered the "norm" in society.

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- Listen to your family and friends and make note of things they say, wittingly or unwittingly! This will give you ideas as to what to get for them.
- Shop early. It will be less stressful.
- Get familiar with a few stores, so you know their products and layout. This will come in handy in an unexpected situation.
- Glance at the catalogs that come home, so you can look for new things.
- Consider online shopping.
- For generic gifts, try stores that do free gift-wrapping. This will save you a lot of time.

If all else fails, give something that is totally far fetched. The Queen was probably tickled pink when she received an iPod!

Happy Holidays!