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The kind of technology that gets under your skin, literally

Lead-in

- 1. How much do you rely on technology at school/ in your job and everyday life?
- 2. Do you embrace new technologies or do you tend to shun them?
- 3. What are some of the latest technological innovations/solutions that have been introduced in your school/ workplace/ city?

Video

Watch a short video about a corporation's new practice and answer the questions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JPITEnUO4E

- 1. What does the innovative idea involve?
- 2. How does the chip facilitate life at the Swedish corporation?
- 3. What's the wider philosophy behind the project, according to its creators?

Over to you

- 1. What do you think about the idea presented in the video? Would it be welcomed in your country? Would it work in your school/ company? Would you feel happy to get chipped yourself?
- 2. Do you think it likely for the idea to become widespread in the near future? Why/ why not?
- 3. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of getting chipped?
- 4. There are different uses to which the chip could be put. Would you agree to get chipped in order to...?
 - access your school/ university/ company easily
 - enter your house/car
 - pay for your shopping
 - turn on facilities within your home









- check in at the airport or a hotel
- do your tax return
- 5. If you are a parent, would you have you children chipped in order to know where they are at all times?
- 6. If you have a pet, would you have your pet chipped to prevent it from going missing?
- 7. What kind of information should definitely NOT be put on the chip?

Task

You're in charge of the sales department for BestChips Co. Create a sales pitch for your product and suggest ways of marketing it to companies.



Optional tasks, if you are a teacher

Roleplay a meeting at a company where the idea of microchipping all staff has been put forward.

OR

Roleplay a parents meeting where the idea of microchipping all students has just been put forward.

Optional tasks, if you are a student

Write a letter to the CEO of your company saying how satisfied/ dissatisfied you are to have been chipped.

OR

Write a letter to the principal of your school and express your attitude to the concept of having all the students chipped.