

## Task 2: Is it appropriate?

### Group work

**Time:** 30 minutes

**Purpose of the task:** to find out more about appropriate technology

**Materials needed:** paper, pencils, products to analyse

### Background to the task

In the first focused task you learnt how to decide whether a product is sustainable. In this task you will think about a wider issue – that of appropriate technology.

Some technologies that work well in one context are inappropriate in another. On the next page you will see a chart listing questions you can ask about any product or technology. Answering them will help you to judge how appropriate a technology is for a particular society at a particular time.

### Carrying out the task and recording your results

- c Get into groups of 3 to 5 people.
- c Your teacher will tell you what product or technology to consider.
- c Talk through each question listed in the chart, filling in the gaps as you go along.