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A gadget-free life

Presenter Today, around 4.7 billion people have got a mobile phone and almost 2 billion people have got a smartphone. Twenty-five per cent of people have got a laptop. And around 6% of people have got tablets! And lots of people have got all three. But some people haven't got all these things. Christopher Jenkinson is from Oxford, in the UK. He's thirty and he's an artist. Christopher's friends have all got smartphones and tablets. But Christopher hasn't.

Christopher I haven't got a computer, a tablet or even a television. I've only got a phone. I've got a lovely flat near the centre of Oxford. It's big and I've got my office here. It's a really nice workspace ... with no computers! Just my desk, paper, pens, pencils and notepads. It's very quiet in here – it's great! I'm at my desk a lot. But I've also got other interests. I've got lots and lots of books. Old books, new books and my favourite – comic books! I haven't got a television, so in the evenings I often see my friends. We eat ... we chat ... and we sometimes play games. It's great fun.

I often go out on my bike, too. I haven't got a car, but that's OK - Oxford has got great cycle routes and lovely parks. My friends have all got smartphones and tablets and they think I'm a bit strange because I haven't got those things. But everyone is different. I've got everything I want – a great job and fantastic friends. I'm very happy with my gadget-free life!