Streetlights increase visibility and make areas safer for people to move about in the city at night. However, they use large amounts of electrical energy and contribute to light pollution that obscures the features of the night sky. Also, birds may be disoriented by lights from tall buildings and may be killed when they hit the buildings.

Items like gasoline-powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers make work easier, and items like jet skis provide enjoyment to the user. However, these technologies also create noise pollution.

Advances in electronic technology have allowed us to develop hearing aids for people who might never have been able to hear well without them. However, these same advances have allowed us to create powerful sound systems and devices like personal music players that can be played at volume levels that annoy others and are potentially damaging to human hearing.

Store owner of a 24 hour convenience store.	A very busy parent with a large front lawn.	A parent of a teen who damaged their hearing at a concert.
An astronomer.	A hard working police officer who works nights.	An executive at Sony.