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I think paper is one of the best inventions ever. Without paper, we would all still be farmers. The discovery of paper was the start of the first information technology revolution. OK, it's not very technological, but it did change our lives. We started to write down our history; we wrote down poems and books and plays. We also wrote our holy books on paper. Then, one day, many centuries ago, someone invented the printing press. Suddenly, people printed hundreds, thousands, millions of books. Society changed because more and more people could read. We became educated. We can't live without paper today. Even though we have the Internet, we still love reading real newspapers; we still read real books; and we still write messages on paper.

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT PAPER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about paper in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about paper. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about paper. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. PAPER POSTER Make a poster about paper. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY PAPER LESSON: Make your own English lesson on paper. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on paper. Share your findings with the class.

