Q Listening and Speaking 2 Unit 6 Audio Script

Track 22

In the past, people fixed many of the machines they owned. They repaired televisions, radios, or even their cars. This saved money, of course, but it was more than that. For example, fathers and sons often worked in the garage on the family car. When doing this, skills, "how-to" knowledge, and a love of fixing things passed from parent to child.

In recent decades, this changed. Many everyday objects are now too complicated for most owners to repair. Cars have complicated computer systems. TVs do not have simple parts the owner can replace. With many objects, it is more expensive to repair an old one than to buy a new one.

Saul Griffith, an inventor, thinks this is a problem. Saul Griffith prepared for his career as an inventor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Track 23

Their business advisor recommended that they raise their prices.

Track 24

The business became more successful after they started the website.

Track 25

The popular singer received donations from lots of listeners.

Track 26

He spends more time in Second Life than in his real life.