Top Notch Pop Song Activities
(Unit 8, “Reinvent the Wheel”)

A. Read and listen to the song “Reinvent the Wheel.” Complete the lyrics with adjectives that describe technology.

You've got your digi camera with the Powershot, 4 mega pixels and a memory slot. You've got your e-mail and your Internet. You send me pictures of your digi pet. I got the digi dog and the digi cat, the digi this and the digi that. I hate to be the one to break the news, but you're giving me the digi blues.

[CHORUS]
And you don't know the way I really feel. Why'd you have to go and reinvent the wheel?

You've got your cordless phone and your microwave, and your Reflex Plus for the perfect shave. It's super special, ________________,

1. with the latest new, ________________ design.

2. You've got your SLR and your LCD, your PS2 and your USB. I've seen the future and it's pretty grim: they've used up all the acronyms.

[CHORUS]
And you don't know the way I really feel. Why'd you have to go and reinvent the wheel?

I keep waiting for a breakthrough innovation: something to help our poor communication. Hey, where'd you get all of that ________________ taste?

3. Your faith in progress is such a waste. Your life may be ________________,

4. but you don't understand the human heart.
[CHORUS]
And you don't know
the way I really feel.
Why'd you have to go and
reinvent the wheel?

B. Write True or False after each statement.
   1. He’s got a good camera. _________
   2. He sends her pictures and e-mail. _________
   3. She likes all the technology he has. _________
   4. She thinks he really understands her and her feelings. _________
   5. She is happy with him. _________

C. Challenge: Answer these questions.
   1. What universal problem in relationships does the singer point out?
      ____________________________________________
   2. Why does she say that his faith in progress is such a waste?
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