Engineering English

Technology in Use:
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In pairs, think about 2 or 3 products you use regularly.

◦ What are the main functions of the products? (What do they do?)

◦ What are their different applications? (What are they used for?)

Example:
mobile phones – phone calls, text messages,   exchanging photos and videos, voice recording

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What do you know about Global Positioning System (GPS) devices?

- Describe their main functions
- Give some examples of different applications

The primary application is navigation.

The secondary applications are tracking systems for monitroy delivery vehicles and finding stolen cars.

Other features are drift alarms and man overboard buttons.

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Language Note

use used for ……ing useful for ……ing user another/similar use	permit = allow, enable stop = prevent make sure = ensure

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Explain the main functions and applications of a product made by your company or a product you know about.

Student A, you are an engineering manager
Student B, you are a new employee
Use the language and the phrases below:

I see. So ....
OK. In other words ....
So you mean....

Useful language		
	The product's main use is ...	(The product) enables you to ...
	The main users of the product are ...	(The product) allows you to ...
	The product is used to ...	(This feature) ensures that ...
	It's used for ...ing	(This feature) prevents ... from ...ing
	It's useful for ...ing	