The man who misses all the fun, Is he who says, "It can't be done."

In solemn pride he stands aloof And greets each venture with reproof.

It Can Be Done

Had he the power he'd efface The history of the human race;

We'd have no radio or motor cars, No streets lit by electric stars;

No telegraph nor telephone, We'd linger in the Age of Stone.

The world would sleep if things were run By men who say "It can't be done."

-Anonymous

- **In solemn pride:** Here, it means 'looking very serious, grand and important'.
- **aloof:** separately, without getting involved in anything
- venture: adventure, a dangerous or risky task
- reproof: criticism, negative comments
- efface: wipe out, remove

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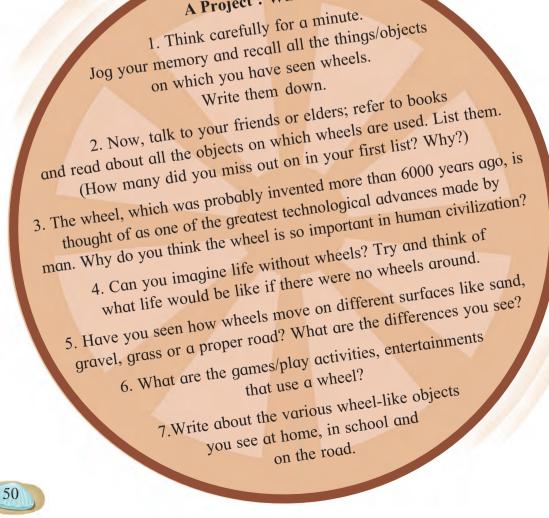
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POINTERS

- 1. Answer the following questions in one sentence each.
 - (a) Who misses all the fun?
 - (b) What does the title of the poem say?
 - (c) What does the man who misses all the fun do?
 - (d) Why does he 'miss all the fun'?
 - (e) What would he do if he had the power to do it?
 - (f) What examples of man's progress have been given in the poem?
 - (g) What should human beings do in order to make progress?
- 2. Form groups. List a few articles of everyday use. Discuss how they can be improved.
- 3. Form pairs. Discuss and prepare a list of things which can be and will be done in future. (5 things) Spot the modal verbs in your answer. (See page 37.)



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