

## Vocabulary

### *Idiomatic phrases from science and technology*

1. to blind someone with science	a. a rigorous or critical test of something
2. It's not rocket science!	b. (at) the forefront of progress in a particular area
3. to recharge one's batteries	c. to have the same ideas and opinions about something
4. (at) the cutting edge	d. to misunderstand each other, especially when making arrangements
5. Don't push my buttons!	e. is said to someone who is starting to annoy you
6. light years ahead	f. it is easy to understand, obvious
7. to be on the same wavelength	g. to rest or relax in order to get back your energy
8. to get one's wires crossed	h. you are a long way in front of others in terms of development, success, etc
9. a well-oiled machine	i. to confuse people by using technical language that they are not likely to understand
10. an acid test	j. something that functions very well

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### *Pieces of equipment in a lab*

**A device** - **A machine** - **An instrument** - **An appliance** - **A gadget** -  
**An implement** - **A tool** - **Glassware/plastic ware/porcelain ware**

for doing delicate work where you need to be accurate  
usually held in your hand, often used in the kitchen  
equipment that works with electricity or a motor  
material made of glass/plastic/porcelain used in a lab  
a piece of electrical equipment used in homes  
a general term for a piece of electronic equipment  
something modern, not essential  
usually held in your hand, for making and repairing things