

## Live Lesson Notes

# Computers

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## Some useful Links

Watch and read this **full lesson on COMPUTERS** here

<https://keithspeakingacademy.com/ielts-speaking-computers-topic-vocabulary-lesson/>

**Tool:** Chrome Screenshot for Youtube

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# IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Computers

*When we talk about using a computer here is some essential language to getting started.*

- To turn on
- To switch on
- To start up
  
- To reboot = *to turn on again*
- To re-start = *to turn on again*
  
- To turn off your computer
- To turn on sleep mode

*We can use the following phrases to tell people what kind of computer we have.*

I have a Lenovo laptop

I have a [brand / make] laptop / computer

I've got a desktop

I have a PC

I have a MAC

I tend to (=often/usually) use a tablet or a smartphone

## **Adjectives to describe computers**

- A **hefty** laptop = *big and heavy*
- A **clunky** laptop = *big and old fashioned*
- A **bulky** desktop = *takes up a lot of space*

*In contrast to the above adjectives, we have the following which are more positive.*

- A **slick** tablet = *thin, fashionable, nice-looking*
- A **lightweight** laptop = *not heavy*
- A **nifty** laptop = *small and fashionable*

## **Activities**

Download and install new software

Install the **latest updates**

Download an application (an app)

Upload a file

To **back up** your computer (copy your data)

To make **a backup** of files

Turn on / off your firewall (to protect you **from** viruses)

## **Binomials:**

*A binomial is where we put two nouns together, separated with the word 'and'.*

*For example,*

- Black and white
- Neat and tidy

*Notice the 'and' is pronounced /ən/*

*These are some common binomials related to computers.*

- Copy and Paste
- Cut and Paste
- Drag and drop

Scroll down / up

## Uses of computers

### Most Common Mistakes

**“I use laptop for watch movies”** 😞

*The mistake here is that we need the article ‘a’ before the noun.*

*Also if a preposition is followed by a verb, that verb needs to be a gerund, i.e. ending in ING.*

*So, the correct sentences are:*

- I use a laptop for **watching** movies
- I use **my** laptop for **watching** movies
- I use a laptop to **watch** movies

**“I have only smartphone”** 😞

*The mistake here is that the adverb ‘only’ should go before the verb*

*'have' and again we need the article 'a' before the noun.*

*So, the correct sentences are:*

I **only** have **a** smartphone  
I've only got a smartphone

*There are lots of ways of talking about how we use computers, including the following:*

I use my laptop **to watch** movies

OR

I **make use of it** to \_\_\_\_\_

- do some research
- follow the news
- play games
- check my Facebook status

OR

I **use it for** \_\_\_+ **verb ING**\_\_\_

I use it **for watching** movies

OR

It's really **handy** for \_\_\_\_\_ (*=convenient*)

OR

It **comes in handy** for \_\_\_\_\_ (*=to be convenient*)

- watching movies
- coding
- preparing presentations
- surfing the Internet

- shopping online

OR

I use **/z/** it **\_+ noun\_\_\_\_\_**

for work for work stuff  
for business for  
personal use **/s/** for  
educational purposes  
for almost everything

## Challenges of using computers

*Here are some ideas, phrases and language we can use to talk about the challenges of using computers.*

They do exactly what you tell them, not what you want them to do!

They are so **fragile** and easy to break

The **battery** can **run out** too quickly

They often have **compatibility issues**, so I can't share Mac Pages with a Windows computer.

Insufficient **storage space** can be problematic

**Glitches** can be a problem

\_\_\_\_\_ can be a problem

\_\_\_\_\_ can be problematic

**Accessing a wifi network** can be challenging

There is a **threat from** malware, viruses and cyberattacks

## Idioms to talk about computers

I feel **brain dead** = *I can no longer focus*

I feel **sluggish** = *I feel slow and without energy*

I need to **get my brain in gear** = *to start focussing and concentrating*

I have just had a **brainwave** = *a great idea*

Can you say it layman's terms? = *say it simply please!*

**Cut out the jargon**, please! = *don't use technical words!*

I like to **surf the net** = *to browse the Internet*

I am not that tech savvy = *I don't know much about computers*

The internet connection is **a bit hit and miss** today = *not very stable*