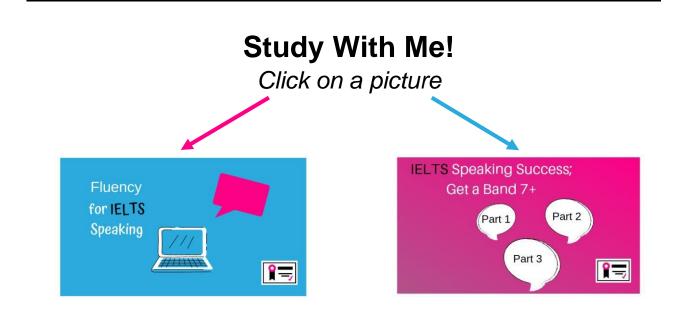


Live Lesson Notes

Computers



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Some useful Links

Watch and read this **full lesson on COMPUTERS** here <u>https://keithspeakingacademy.com/ielts-speaking-computers-topic-vocabulary-lesson/</u>

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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

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- 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:

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

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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

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'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