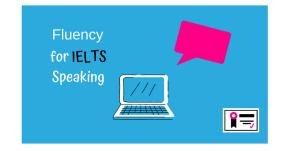


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Essential vocabulary What you use your phone for Kinds of Apps Student Question Vague Language Benefits of texting Idiomatic expressions

Some useful Links

Useful vocabulary about phones

https://dictionaryblog.cambridge.org/2014/06/18/the-language-ofmobile-phones/

Article about the benefits of texting

(This website is a great resource and you can sign up for free) <u>https://newsela.com/read/texting-can-be-positive/id/44960/#</u>

Interesting video about the 'Look Up' movement

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Introduction

In this free IELTS Speaking lesson on the topic of PHONES, you will learn how to talk about phones, mobile phone apps and texting.

Watch the complete video about this topic of phones here.

Essential Vocabulary

It is essential to build your vocabulary and also to start activating it.

That means you should try **making some phrases** with the vocabulary below.

Remember to always learn the collocations of new words.

Smart phone / mobile phone / cell phone

I don't have a landline (fixed phone at home in the office)

The **battery** is low My phone is **low on battery** I have **run out of** battery My phone / the battery **is dead** I need to **charge (up) my phone**

What do you use your mobile phone for?

There are 2 ways of expressing use

1. I use it FOR + gerund

I use it for accessing the Internet

2. I use it to + verb

I use it to access the Internet

Both mean the same and either can be used

For **passing on** information For **sharing** stuff **on** social media For calling friends For photography For reading newspapers For **listening to** songs For **taking selfies**

I am selfie-mad (I love it)

To chat To **navigate my way around** To watch videos To **apply for** jobs To **listen to** podcasts To **get the weather forecast** To **do online shopping** I use it to download trending apps

I use it for texting

I use it to send my emails at work or at home

I tend to use it just to get online and surf the web

It's really <u>handy for</u> video-conferences =convenient, easy to use

It comes in handy for accessing Facebook and other social networks

It's the best way to play games

I use it as an alarm clock

I also use it to kill time

Kinds of apps

Games Language learning Productivity Stocks and trading News Health and fitness Music streaming Audio books Dictionaries Weather Photo editing Personal finance

Places where you cannot use a cell phone

If we are talking about not making a noise or **being a nuisance**... (A pain, a bother, something bad)

Temples, mosques, churches or **similar places of worship** Some hospital **waiting areas Quiet zones** of trains Libraries Cinemas Theaters

If it's more about not being allowed to take photos....

Some museums Some art galleries Temples Airport security check Passing through customs control (airport) Some government buildings (e.g. Embassies) **forbid / prohibit** phones *=not allowed*

Generally speaking,...

When taking an exam In many schools At the petrol station / gas station In meetings - at least we have **to turn the phone to silent**

To turn your phone off

To turn off your phone 😂

To turn <u>it</u>off ⇔ To turn off it XXX

Vague language

When you don't know the name of something, you can say...

It's a **thingy**, you know a kind of **thingamajig** I use a **whatchamacallit** I like to use the **whatsisname**

What are the benefits of texting?

Texting is **less intrusive** It's easier and quicker, especially in emergency situations It's convenient / **handy** It comes in handy for expressing emotions It **eases** the communication between people It saves time It's not **time-consuming** / time-draining It's great for sharing important information We can say things we may be **too shy** to say **in person**

Idioms

Just **drop me a line** on What's app when you know = get in touch

You can **keep me posted** by sending me a message on Facebook *=keep me up to date*

I use Facebook **to keep in touch** with family

The great thing about texting is that it allows you **to get straight to the point,** (=be direct) you don't need **to beat about/around the bush** (to ramble, be indirect)

Texting is good for **cutting straight to the chase** =getting to the point

At last we can speak, we've been playing phone tag all day!

To hit the bullseye = to get it right = to hit the nail on the head

Students' Questions about Phones

Keith, will books be replaced my mobile phones in the future?

To be honest, I think **that's highly unlikely,** and the reason is I think a lot of people like **to access both** kinds of things.

So, for example, I enjoy reading paper books, but at the same time, I also like to **read digital books on** the Kindle App on my mobile phone.

So, **I don't think it's a question of either or,** I think actually, it's gonna be both, but maybe we will use one more than the other,

and it's most likely that we are gonna use mobile phones much more than we'll use the old fashioned, **fuddy-duddy**, paperback books.

I think they'll **go out of fashion**, but I don't think they will disappear.

Keith, which app you use most in your mobile phone?

That's a great question.

I have got so many Apps, it's hard to choose, but if I had to choose one I would opt for Google maps, to be honest,

because when I need to **navigate my way around** a new city or even my own city here, I always use Google maps.

I think I have lost the habit of asking people the way.

I just much prefer to use Google maps.

It's quicker, it's faster, and it's more accurate.

So, that's probably **the App I use most** on my mobile phone.