

Solutions Intermediate

Speaking Exam Task: Agree / Disagree

Computers and Computing

1. SPEAKING. Work in pairs. Discuss the question.

How often do you use a computer and what different things do you use it for?

2. VOCABULARY. Complete the questionnaire using the words below. Use a dictionary to help you if necessary.

Computing

app autocomplete blog browsers channel data desktop links network podcast social-networking USB

ARE YOU A COMPUTER GEEK?



1 Have you ever ...

- A downloaded and listened to a _____?
- B uploaded photos to a _____ site?
- C located a _____ hotspot?
- D installed an _____ on your phone?
- E joined a file-sharing _____?
- F published a _____?
- G subscribed to a YouTube _____?
- H used a _____ to video chat?
- I used _____ to fill in forms on web pages?

2 Explain these sentences in your own words.

- A Please contact the webmaster if any of the _____ on this page are broken.
- B Your _____ and password are case sensitive.
- C Click on the red button to bookmark this _____.

3 Can you name three different ...

- A companies that make _____ computers?
- B things you could connect to the _____ port of a computer?
- C means of _____ storage?
- D internet _____?

3. SPEAKING. Answer the questionnaire in exercise 2. Then compare answers with your partner. Who is more geeky?

Language note – Computer technology

App is an abbreviation for application. Although apps are used on computers, the term commonly refers to a software program for a mobile phone. Apps have an enormous variety of functions and enable your phone to be used, amongst other things, as a torch, a camera, a musical instrument, a map of a games console.

A **Wi-Fi hotspot** is an Internet access point that is found in public places like cafés, hotels, airports and stations.

File sharing is the sharing of digital files with other users on the Internet. You download software to get access to a file-sharing network and exchange files with others who are online. It is very commonly used for downloading free music and films. The practice of file sharing is legal, but is very frequently used for downloading copyrighted material, which is, of course, illegal.

4. VOCABULARY. Match the words (A-F) with the pictures (1-6). Look at the pictures and say what each one is showing. Use the vocabulary and your own ideas.



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

- ___ A GPS navigator
- ___ B e-book
- ___ C ultrasonic examination
- ___ D PAD
- ___ E cockpit
- ___ F airport schedule board

Vocabulary: abdominal scan, tumour, surgery, satnav, cockpit, automatic pilot, navigation, ebook, departures, arrivals.

5. Get ready to SPEAK

Work in pairs. Read the task and think of three arguments in favour of the statement and three against. Then compare your ideas with the class.

SPEAKING exam task

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
Give reasons.**

Computers have made the world a better place.

You can use **Functions Bank** for expressing an opinion and agreeing / disagreeing.

6. Do the Speaking exam task.

Functions Bank

EXPRESSING AN OPINION	AGREEING AND DISAGREEING
I agree / I don't agree that...	Yes, I agree...
I think that...	That's right...
To my mind...	I think so too...
In my view...	I don't agree.
In my opinion...	On the other hand, ...
	That may be true, but...
	I (don't) think that's true.
	I (don't) believe that's right.
	That seems / doesn't seem very likely.

Vocabulary

Exercise 2

Are you a Computer Geek?

geek [gi:k] чокнутый, помешанный (на чём-л.) (особенно о человеке, которого ничего кроме компьютеров не интересует)

computing [kəm'pju:tɪŋ] информационные технологии, информатика

app ['æp] сокр. от application приложение; прикладная программа

autocomplete ['ɔ:təu kəm'pli:t] автозаполнение

blog [blɒg]

1) блог, веблог (периодически обновляемая лента сообщений на разные темы, каждое из которых может быть прокомментировано читателями; коллективная доска обсуждений)

2) сетевой дневник, "живой журнал", ЖЖ (часто обновляемый персональный сайт, в котором публикуются комментарии автора на различные темы)

browser ['brauzə]

1) информ. браузер, веб-обозреватель, навигатор

2) информ. программа ускоренного просмотра (информации)

channel ['tʃænəl] канал

data ['deɪtə] данные, факты

desktop ['desktp] настольный

desktop computer — (компьютер) десктоп, настольный компьютер

link [lɪŋk] связь; соединение

network ['netwɜ:k] сеть

podcast ['pɒdkɑ:st]

подкаст (цифровая запись радио- или телепрограммы, которую можно скачать из интернета)

audio / video podcast — аудиоподкаст, видеоподкаст

to download a podcast — загружать подкаст

to subscribe to a series of podcasts — подписываться на серию подкастов

USB сокр. от universal serial bus; информ. универсальная последовательная шина
USB flash drive USB флеш-накопитель, USB-драйв; флешка разг.
download ['daunləud] загружать, скачивать (по каналу связи)
upload ['ʌpləud] загружать в удалённый компьютер (по линии связи)
locate [ləu'keɪt] помещать, размещать
hotspot "горячая" точка; ячейка памяти параллельного суперкомпьютера, к которой происходит одновременное обращение множества процессоров
install [ɪn'stɔ:l] устанавливать, размещать
join [dʒɔɪn] присоединяться
publish ['pʌblɪʃ] издавать, публиковать
subscribe [səb'skraɪb] подписываться на
sensitive ['sensɪtɪv] чувствительный
button ['bʌtn] кнопка
broken ['brəʊkən] разбитый, сломанный
bookmark ['bʊkmɑ:k] закладка (ссылка на адрес просмотренной Web-страницы, сохраняемая для прямого обращения к ней в последующих сеансах работы);
делать закладку
storage ['stɔ:ɪrɪdʒ] запоминание, хранение

Exercise 4

ultrasonic examination [ˈʌltrə 'sɒnɪk] УЗД – ультразвуковое исследование
GPS navigator GPS навигатор
cockpit ['kɒkprɪt] кабина пилота
e-book электронная книга
airport ['eəpɔ:t] аэропорт
schedule ['ʃedju:l], ['skedʒu:l] расписание
board [bɔ:d] доска; табло
airport schedule board табло расписания аэропорта
PAD / TAB планшет
abdominal [æb'dɒmɪnəl] брюшной
tumour ['tju:mə] опухоль
surgery ['sɜ:dʒəri] хирургия, операция
satnav = satellite navigation ['sætəlɑɪt] [nævi'geɪʃən] спутникова навігація

Answer key

Exercise 2

Are you a Computer Geek?

1A podcast 1B social-networking 1C Wi-Fi 1D app 1E network 1F blog 1G channel 1H webcam 1I autocomplete

2A links 2B username 2C web page

3A desktop 3B USB 3C data 3D browsers

Exercise 3 (possible answers)

2A Contact the person who designed the website if you can't connect to other websites from this page.

2B If you type your username or password in capital letters when they should be in small letters, or vice versa, they won't be recognized.

2C Click on the red button to save the address (URL) of the web page so that you can easily open it again later.

3A Acer, Apple Dell, Hewlett Packard, IBM, LG, Panasonic, Sony

3B digital camera, iPad, lamp, memory stick / removable storage, modern, mouse, MP3 player, printer, router, smartphone, speaker, webcam

3C CD, DVD, memory stick, online / in a cloud, removable hard disk

3D Google, Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer

Exercise 4

1 C 2 A 3 E 4 B 5 F 6 D