

IELTS Vocabulary

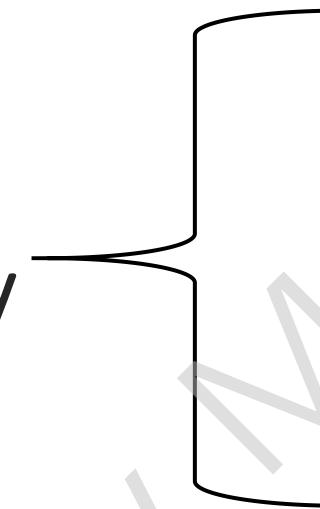
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Information Technology



- ① **communication**
- ② **devices**
- ③ **impacts**

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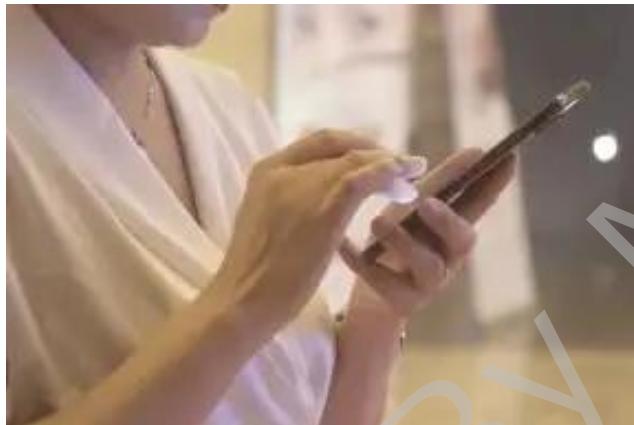


Lesson Objectives

- Use high-value vocabulary for information technology topics
- Apply these words in IELTS Speaking Part 2 & IELTS Writing Task 2



Do you prefer texting or making phone calls in daily life?



Vocabulary: Digital Communication

stay in touch with
(friends & classmates)



text to sb
send a text message



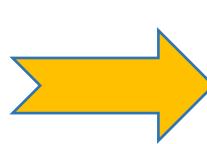
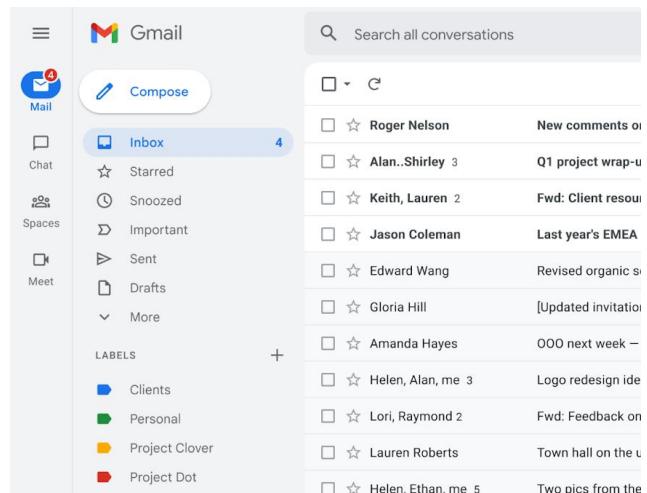
use instant messaging



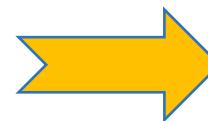
allow for a quick
response

Many students prefer texting or using instant messaging apps because they allow for a quick response and help people stay in touch with each other.

Vocabulary: Digital Communication



send an email



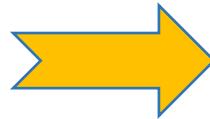
more appropriate for
formal communication

Sending an email is more appropriate for formal communication, such as contacting a teacher or a company.

Vocabulary: Digital Communication



make a phone/video call



have interactive communication
have face-to-face communication



allow for discussions for
tricky issues/ sth
important

eg. discussing **sensitive**
matters or things that
need to be clarified in
real time

Although digital communication is convenient, some issues are still better solved through face-to-face communication.

Vocabulary: Digital Communication



send emojis
发表情包

"you can't just run away from your problems forever"

Me:



share memes
分享梗图

go viral
(像病毒一样) 在网络迅速传播

Practice :

- a. instant messaging
- b. face-to-face communication
- c. quick response
- d. stay in touch with

1. Many companies rely on _____ at work because it allows employees to communicate efficiently and receive a _____ from colleagues.
2. Although social media helps people _____ friends who live far away, it cannot completely replace _____, especially when building trust.

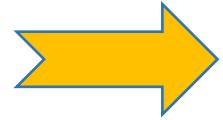
1. a; c

2. d; b

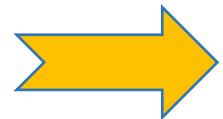
Vocabulary : Devices & Functions



digital device
(laptops and **tablets**)
smart device
(smartphones)



Advantage:
portable
(easy to carry)



Disadvantage 1:
short battery life
电池续航



power bank
充电宝

Disadvantage 2:
run out of storage
存储空间不够

Disadvantage 3:
download apps
update the software frequently

Vocabulary : Devices & Functions



smart home **appliances**
智能家电

control devices remotely
远程遥控
have user-friendly interface
用户友好界面

Practice :

The proliferation of 1. _____ such as laptops and tablets has undoubtedly enhanced our productivity and connectivity. A key advantage of these gadgets is their 2. portability , allowing users to work or study from virtually anywhere. However, they are not without drawbacks. One common frustration is their 3. short battery life , which often necessitates carrying a 4. power bank to ensure uninterrupted use throughout the day. Another limitation is the tendency to 5. run out of storage , especially given the high-resolution media files and numerous applications we accumulate. To maintain functionality and security, users must regularly 6. update the software , a process that can sometimes be time-consuming.

注： proliferation 激增； 扩散； 迅速增长

Vocabulary: Security & Risks & Social Impact



security flaw
安全漏洞
cyber fraud
网络诈骗
be hacked
被黑



information leakage
信息泄露
be under surveillance
处于被监控/监视状态



raise privacy concern
引发对隐私的担忧

Vocabulary: Security & Risks & Social Impact



overly rely on AI tools



need/do a digital detox
数字戒断

not available in all regions



widen the digital divide
扩大数字鸿沟
缩小: narrow/bridge

make some jobs redundant
多余的

Practice :

1 T

2 F

3 T

1. Artificial intelligence may make some jobs redundant.
2. Cyber fraud has no connection with information leakage.
3. The digital divide can affect educational opportunities.

Practice :

- a. quick response
- b. texting
- c. revolutionized
- d. stay in touch with
- e. face-to-face communication
- f. instant messaging

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. f
- 4. a
- 5. d
- 6. e

Technology and Communication

In recent years, technology has 1_____ the way people communicate. Instead of making a phone call, many individuals prefer 2_____ or using 3_____ apps because these methods are more convenient and allow for a 4_____. As a result, people can easily 5_____ friends and family members, even if they live far away. However, some people believe that overusing digital communication may reduce opportunities for 6_____, which is still essential for building trust.

Practice :

- a. information technology
- b. digital divide
- c. privacy concern
- d. information leakage
- e. smart devices
- f. security flaw

- 1. e
- 2. a
- 3. c
- 4. d
- 5. f
- 6. b

Technology and Society

Modern 1._____ such as smartphones play an important role in daily life. However, the rapid development of 2._____ has also raised serious 3._____. Problems like 4._____ and cyber fraud may occur if systems contain a 5._____. In addition, the 6._____ between different regions means that not everyone can equally benefit from technological progress.

IELTS Speaking Part 2 practice:

Describe a piece of technology you use every day.

You should say:

What it is

What it looks like

What you use it for

And explain why it is important to you

开头: What it is

I'd like to talk about a smart device that I use every day...

Appearance:

大小

材质

设计风格

patterns等

Function:

你平常拿来做什 么？举例2-3个

有无任何不满意的地方？举例1-2个

对我的意义:

有好

有不好 (solution)

The piece of technology I use every day, without fail, is my smartphone. It's a sleek, dark blue model with a large, bright touchscreen that's surprisingly durable. Its design is minimalist, with just a couple of buttons on the side, making it very sleek to hold and use.

I use it for almost everything. Primarily, it's my main tool for communication. I use various apps for instant messaging and sending emails to stay in touch with family, friends, and colleagues. It's where I download apps for everything from banking to language learning, and I have to regularly update the software to keep it running smoothly. It's incredibly portable, so I use it as my camera, my music player, my GPS, and my notebook all in one.

However, it does have its drawbacks. The most noticeable one is its short battery life, which means I almost always carry a power bank with me when I'm out for the day. Also, I occasionally have to manage my photos and videos carefully to avoid running out of storage.

It's immensely important to me. It has utterly revolutionized the way I organize my life and connect with others, greatly helping me improve efficiency. That said, I have a bit of a love-hate relationship with it. While I enjoy its convenience, I sometimes find it time-consuming and distracting. In fact, I occasionally feel the need to do a digital detox on weekends, deliberately leaving it in another room to read a book or go for a walk.

So, overall, I appreciate it, but I also recognize the importance of using it mindfully.

IELTS Reading practice: YES or NO

1 Everyday kitchen appliances can now store information. Yes

2 The Internet of Things helped to make the Smart phone a reality. _____

3 In the early 2000s, most homes had broadband and wifi. _____

4 There are problems when IoT is used to control bus or train systems. _____

5 IoT may allow someone outside your house to obtain secret information. _____

6 People are most worried about IoT being used to shut down the internet. _____

IELTS Writing Task 2 practice:



Some people believe modern technology has brought people closer together, while others think it has made people more isolated. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

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Introduction

改写题目 + 表明立场

Body 1 — 正方 (bring us closer)

stay in touch with
interactive communication
instant messaging

Body 2 — 反方观点 (more isolated)

face-to-face communication减少

Conclusion

平衡观点 (尽管...带来了便利, 但是偶尔也需要digital detox来感受真实的世界)

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introduction:

改写题目 + 表明立场

Modern technology has greatly revolutionized the way people communicate with each other. While some people believe that it helps individuals build closer relationships, others argue that it has made people more isolated. This essay will discuss both views before giving my own opinion.

IELTS Writing Task 2 practice:

Some people believe modern technology has brought people closer together, while others think it has made people more isolated. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

BODY 1: 正方 (bring us closer)

主题句：On the one hand, modern technology allows people to stay in touch with others more easily than ever before.

原因：Tools such as instant messaging, video calls and social media enable interactive communication and quick responses, regardless of physical distance.

举例：For example, family members living in different cities can communicate daily through text messages or online chats.

结果：As a result, technology helps maintain relationships that might otherwise weaken over time.

IELTS Writing Task 2 practice:

Some people believe modern technology has brought people closer together, while others think it has made people more isolated. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

BODY 2: 反方观点 (more isolated)

主题句：On the other hand, excessive use of digital devices may reduce face-to-face communication.

原因：Many people spend long hours on their phones, sharing memes or checking notifications instead of having real conversations.

结果：This behaviour can lead to social isolation and raise privacy concerns, especially when users feel they are under surveillance.

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平衡观点（尽管...带来了便利，但是偶尔也需要digital detox来感受真实的世界）

In my opinion, modern technology has both positive and negative effects on relationships. If people use it in a balanced way---taking regular digital detoxes, technology can strengthen communication rather than replace real human interaction.

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