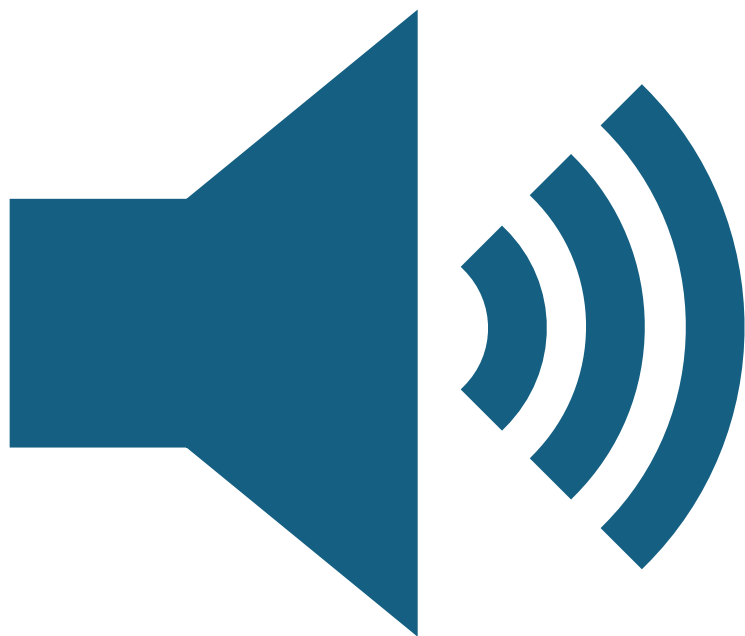




Lesson 6: Technology and Media

IELTS Speaking Part 1



What Is IELTS Speaking Part 1?

IELTS Speaking Part 1 is a **4–5 minute** section where you answer questions about **your everyday life and habits**.

In this part:

- Questions are *easy and personal*
- There are *no right or wrong answers*
- You are expected to speak in short but clear sentences (2–3 per answer)

Today's theme: **Technology and Media**



Sample IELTS Questions: Technology & Media

Have a go at answering the following questions:

- What kind of technology do you use every day?
- How do you usually get news or information?
- Do you prefer reading news online or in newspapers?
- Do you think technology has changed your life?
- What social media platforms do you use?

Tip: Give short, natural answers. Avoid single-word replies.



Grammar Focus: Present Simple for Habits

Use Present Simple to talk about **your habits and routines** with technology.

Structure:

Subject + base verb (add -s for he/she/it)

Examples:

- “I check my email every morning.”
- “She watches videos on her phone during lunch.”
- “We use tablets in school.”

Task: Write three sentences about your daily tech habits using Present Simple.

Grammar Focus: Present Perfect for Experience

Use Present Perfect to describe experiences **that started in the past and continue now.**

Structure:
have/has + past participle

Examples:

- “I’ve used social media for over five years.”
- “He’s had the same laptop since 2020.”
- “We’ve downloaded several educational apps.”

Task: Write two sentences about your experience with technology.

Vocabulary Builder: Tech Tools

Common Tools:

smartphone, laptop, tablet, smartwatch, desktop, headphones

Verbs:

to browse, download, upload, charge, connect, post

Activity: Use at least three vocabulary words in one or two sentences about your typical day with technology.

Vocabulary Builder: Media Types

- newspapers
- blogs
- TV channels
- radio
- podcasts
- online news sites
- streaming platforms

Task: Name one platform you use often. Explain what you use it for and why.

Speaking Practice: Describe Your Favourite Device

Question:

What is the most useful piece of technology you use?

Include:

- What it is
- What you use it for
- Why it's helpful

Example:

“I use my phone the most. I check emails, browse the news and stay in touch with friends. It's very convenient, especially when I'm travelling.”

Grammar Focus: Modals (Can / Should)

Use “can” to talk about **ability** or **possibility**.

Use “should” to give **advice** or express **opinion**.

Examples:

- “You **can** find anything online nowadays.”
- “People **should** take breaks from using screens.”
- “You **can** watch films or read books using a tablet.”

Task: Write two sentences with “can” and one with “should” related to technology.



Discussion Activity: Advantages and Disadvantages

Think about technology and media. What are some:

- Benefits (e.g. convenience, communication, access to information)
- Drawbacks (e.g. addiction, misinformation, distraction)

Task: Say one advantage and one disadvantage using useful expressions like:

- “One benefit is...”
- “However, a drawback might be...”

Error Correction Activity

Fix the mistakes in the following sentences:

- He use the internet every day.
- I has downloaded the app last night.
- We can to send messages easily.



Pronunciation Practice

Practise saying the following words or repeat after your tutor:

- technology
- application
- communication
- download
- online
- platform

Task: Use any 3 of these in a sentence and read them aloud with natural rhythm.



Compare: Past and Present

Compare how people used to use media or tech before vs now.

Example:

“Before, we used newspapers to get the news. Now, we check apps on our phones. It’s much quicker and easier today.”

Task: Say 2–3 sentences comparing old and new tech/media habits.



Speaking Challenge: Media Habits

Question:

How do you usually find out what's happening in the world?

Include:

- A platform (TV, internet, app)
- Why you use it
- One opinion

Example:

“I usually read news articles online. It's faster and more up to date than TV. I think it's important to know what's going on.”



Functional Language: Giving Opinions

Useful Phrases:

- “I think technology has...”
- “In my opinion...”
- “It depends on the person.”
- “Personally, I prefer...”
- “I’m not really a fan of...”

Task: Choose one topic: mobile phones, social media, or online learning. Give your opinion using 2 of these phrases.



Lightning Questions (Answer Quickly)

- Do you watch TV or use streaming services more?
- Can you live without your phone for one day?
- Do you follow any influencers or YouTubers?
- What kind of apps do you use most?

Try to answer each question in 2 sentences using vocabulary from today.



Grammar Focus: Using "Since" and "For"

Use “**since**” with a specific time.

Use “**for**” with a duration.

Examples:

- “I’ve had this laptop **since** last year.”
- “I’ve used social media **for** over five years.”

Task: Write one sentence using “since” and one using “for” to describe your tech habits.



IELTS Tip: Be Natural

In Part 1:

- Avoid memorised or robotic responses
- Use your own experiences and opinions
- Don't worry about using fancy vocabulary: **be clear and confident**

Quick Practice Round

Questions:

- What's your favourite app or website?
- How do you feel about social media?
- Do you think the internet is useful for studying?

Use at least one Present Perfect sentence and one opinion phrase.

