

Speaking Sample Questions

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Part One:

- Do you use a cell phone?
- What do you use it for?
- How often do you use it?
- When did you get it?
- When did you get your first mobile phone?
- How did you feel when you got your first mobile phone?
- What feature (or, function) of your cell phone do you like the best?
- Is there anything you dislike about using cell phones?
- Is your cellphone very important to you?
- Are cellphones (or, mobile phones) very popular in your country? (Why?)
- How often do you use a cellphone? When do you usually use your cellphone and for what purposes?
- Do you think cellphones are important for modern people?
- What services does your cellphone have that fixed phones don't have?
- How do you think cellphones will develop in the future?
- How has advertising for cellphones developed in recent years?
- Are there any differences between the cellphones (= mobile phones) that men use and those that women use?
- Do you use a computer?
- Do you prefer working on the computer or in another way?
- Why do you think computers are good?
- What would you like to learn about computers?



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Part Two:

Describe a useful app you know for phones, computers or tablets.

You should say:

- what the app is
- how long you have used it
- what it is used for

And explain why you think it is useful.

Describe your first mobile phone.

You should say:

- How old were you when you got it?
- When and why did you buy it?
- How did you feel when you first got it?

Describe a piece of electronic equipment that you find useful.

You should say:

- What it is
- How you learnt how to use it
- How long have you had it

And explain why you find this piece of equipment useful



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Model Answer for the THIRD CUE CARD.

I suppose the item I use most, and therefore probably the most useful would be my notebook, or laptop. This particular one I've had for just under a year, but it's my third or fourth laptop so it was more of just an upgrade rather than changing from a desktop PC to a laptop.

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Anyway, I purchased it about a year ago because my old one had a couple of problems, with the battery and also the cooling fan, and it was quite old as well - so I decided to invest in a new one.

This one works on Windows 8 which I hadn't used before so It took a few days to get used to it and configure it as I wanted – but it was easy as it's quite intuitive in the way it's set up. The only thing that took a little getting used was the touch screen functionality which my old laptop didn't have – but most of the time I use a wireless mouse because I find it more precise and also quicker than swiping and tapping the screen all the time. Really, I didn't have any problems using it, but as always, if I'm unsure about something then the online help function really helps or just Google the query and see what other people have done to solve problems.

After I had downloaded a couple of apps for audio and video editing, got them installed and up and running it was plain sailing.

I'm pleased with it so far, in the first year it hasn't given me any problems and has been super reliable, although now the keyboard is beginning to show signs of normal wear and tear.

It gets used a lot – everyday for work and studying – so I'm not surprised it's beginning to look well used – it has been. I guess maybe next year I'll think about replacing it for a newer version.

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Part Three:

- Is it a good or a bad thing to have a mobile phone? Why?
- What can you do with a mobile phone?
- Do old and young people use mobile phones in the same way?
- What can be done to avoid children becoming inattentive in class?
- What kind of jobs can't be replaced by technology? Why?
- Do you think some jobs will be replaced by technology in the future?
- Can you think of any examples of modern machines or high-tech equipment that people have in their homes today?
- What do you suggest a person, for example, an old person, do if he or she cannot understand how to use modern equipment?
- What do you suggest could be done to help old people understand how to use modern hi-tech equipment?
- Do you think today's young people will also have problems with hi-tech equipment when they are old?
- What are the advantages of using electrical equipment?
- Does your university have (or use) much high-tech equipment?
- What are some examples of high-tech equipment that is used in some classrooms today?
- What age group do you think is interested more in mobile phones? Why?
- Do you think the research findings should be accessible to all? Why?
- Do you think the amount of high-tech equipment a university uses can help attract more students to that university?
- Do you think there are any (possible) shortcomings to using high-tech equipment in classrooms (as teaching tools)?
- Do you think computers (and other hi-tech electronic equipment) might one day replace teachers?



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