

2. Pre-speaking exercises

Task 1. Match the parts of expressions:

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| 1 Data | a software |
| 2 Access | b files |
| 3 Advanced | c communication |
| 4 To install | d storage |
| 5 Personal | e chat |
| 6 Method of | f to the Internet |
| 7 Online | g technology |
| 8 To share | h computer |

Task 2. Put the words below in the correct places:

data communication technology memory connection storage function displays

- If a computer or a telephone has Internet _____, one can shop easily.
- E-mail is a method of _____ used worldwide, between friends, colleagues, business partners, and so on.
- A student can use the PC as a _____ system for many books.
- This telephone is equipped with the latest _____.
- This smart phone has a bigger _____, so it can store more _____.
- This gadget automatically _____ current news, that's a really useful _____.

3. Speaking practice

Теперь давайте начнём нашу беседу. Примерные вопросы для данной темы:

Диалог 1

— Do you have **a mobile phone, a laptop computer** or **a portable music device**?

— *Yeah, I bought **a laptop** last year and this year my girlfriend gave me **a smart phone of the latest model** for my birthday.*

Диалог 2

— Do you always want to buy **the latest technology** or you are happy with an older model?

— *Hah, that's an interesting question 'cause I like **to chat with my friends** the most of my free time. So, for me it's essential to have **a device with useful software installed**, for I can **stay connected** with my friends. And if my 'old' gadget allows me **to send and receive messages, share photos and videos**, I think I **can do without latest trends**.*

Диалог 3

— What other new gadgets would you buy?

— *Honestly, I'm not **a gadget lover** but there's one thing I'd like to purchase. It's the new Smart watch offering **up-to-date features**. You just have an **easy to use electronic device** with different **facilities***

including **Internet access**, **sending files** and **storing data** right on your hand. This watch is like a **small version of** a smart phone.

Диалог 4

— What is the most useful gadget today, in your opinion?

— *Nowadays there're loads of various devices **we can't go without** in our day-to-day life. I think many people will share my opinion that laptops, smart phones or **phablets** which allow us to communicate with friends, **shop online**, store books and read them, are part and parcel of our life. Some may say that a gadget should be **user-friendly** and have **a big screen**; for others, **amount of memory** and **advanced technologies** make a difference. It's just a matter of taste.*

Now it's your turn, try to answer the same questions using different words and expressions offered in this lesson. Be creative, keep practising and you'll pull it off.

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Resources: Vocabulary for IELTS, <http://www.gadgetalk.com/>, <http://www.buzzle.com/>.