



Computer Savvy

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

update	To make something more modern by adding new parts or features to it.
[verb]	<i>Ex: This website's home page just got updated.</i>

computer savvy	Able to use computers well.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: He is such a computer savvy person, he became a web-developer.</i>

information technology	The study and use of computers and other electronic equipment to store and send information.
[noun]	<i>Ex: My friend majors in Information Technology at university</i>

surf the internet	To spend time visiting many websites.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Surfing the Internet for personal use is against company policy.</i>

make contact with	To find out where someone is and talk or write to them.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Our family makes contact with each other via Skype.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Alex: What was your major in college?

James: I majored in Information Technology because I love computers.

Alex: I noticed that you spend most of your time in front of the computer.

James: Oh yes, I usually surf the Internet to gather information for my research study.

Alex: Really? If you don't mind me asking, what else do you do on the computer?

James: Hmm... I also use Skype to communicate with my family in Canada.

Alex: Wow! Is that all?

James: Not really, I sometimes use the computer to make contact with my acquaintances via email.



Alex: Do you know how to fix computer problems, too?

James: Yes, of course.

Alex: Can you do me a favor? I'd like you to check my laptop. It's really slow when I browse the Internet.

James: Let me check. Hmm... I see! You just need to update your Internet browser.

Alex: Well, I have little knowledge when it comes to computers. Can you do it for me?

James: Sure, just a moment... Okay, it's done!

Alex: Wow, you're so fast! You really are computer savvy. Thank you so much, James.

James: I'm more than happy to help.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

Information Technology

surf the Internet

update

make contact with

computer savvy

1. What's your major? Is it _____?
2. This computer needs a new _____.
3. He spends most of his time on the computer. He is a _____.
4. Do you like to _____?
5. We need to _____ this company, they're doing a great job!



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are having computer problems, ask your friend Ross to help you. The teacher can be Ross.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. When was the first time you used a computer?
2. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of using a computer?
3. Do you think you are computer savvy?
4. Is Information Technology a popular major in your country?
5. How do you fix minor computer problems?