



New Smartphone

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

fancy	Having a lot of detail in structure or decoration; expensive or fashionable in a way that is intended to impress people.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: They went on a date to a fancy restaurant.</i>

harmful	Likely or able to cause harm or damage.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Smoking can be very harmful to a baby's health.</i>

glossy	Shiny and smooth.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: This is such a glossy phone.</i>

(be) on the same page	To be in agreement with someone.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: It's good to know that we are on the same page.</i>

convenient	Suitable for your purposes and needs and causing the least difficulty.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: A bike's a very convenient way of getting around.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

Peter: Did you see? Megan bought a smartphone.

Lea: Yeah, I did. I don't see why someone would need such a fancy cell phone.

Peter: If you look at it as a small computer, it is not that fancy, not at all.

Lea: But it is a cell phone. It is supposed to make calls and write messages. Well, emails too.

Peter: Well, it can clearly do as much.

Lea: But, but... I mean, it is not convenient to use the Internet on it.



Peter: True, we have computers for the Internet and cameras for photography.

Lea: However you look at it, I don't think smartphones are harmful, though.

Peter: That's true. Moreover, I think some people buy them just because they're popular.

Lea: I bet cell phone companies earn a lot of money selling such glossy cell phones.

Peter: I won't buy one for that reason. I don't even need a smartphone right now.

Lea: Well, at least we are on the same page. I am not planning to buy a smartphone anytime soon, either.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

convenient

on the same page

glossy

fancy

harmful

1. She has wonderfully _____ hair.
2. We always understand each other, we're _____.
3. Spreading rumors can be _____.
4. I love wearing this _____ dress.
5. It's very _____ that you live near the office.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: You want to buy a new smartphone, but first you want to talk about it with a family member. The teacher can be your mom.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you have a smartphone? Why?
2. Do you like using your smartphone? Why?
3. Is it popular to have a smartphone nowadays? Why?
4. Do you think cell phones are necessary these days? Why?
5. What are some of the disadvantages of using a smartphone?