

COMMUNICATION

The impact of the internet

LEVEL

Upper-Intermediate
(B2)

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EN_B2_1091X

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

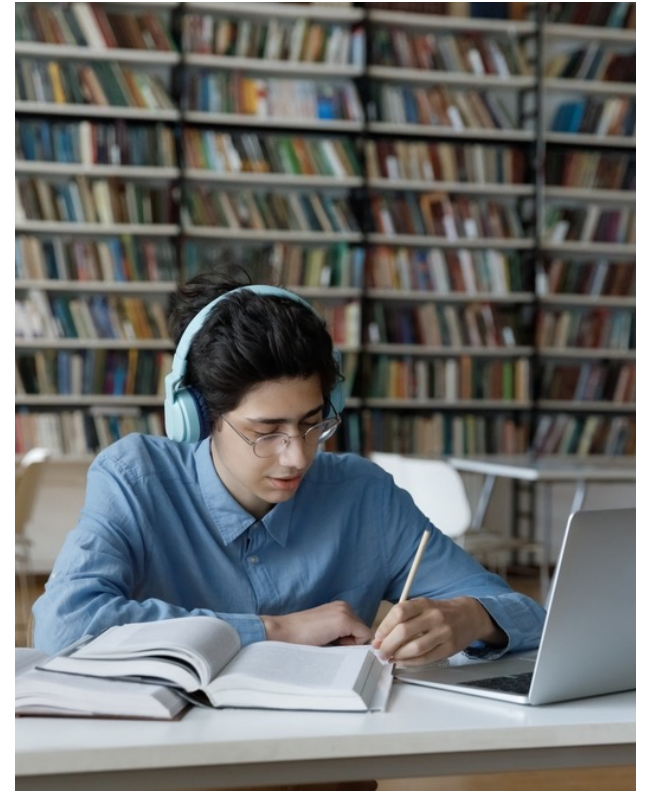
- I can agree or disagree with the opinions of others using a wide range of phrases.
- I can take part in a debate on the impact of the internet.



Warm-up

**Think back to the
first computer you
bought.**

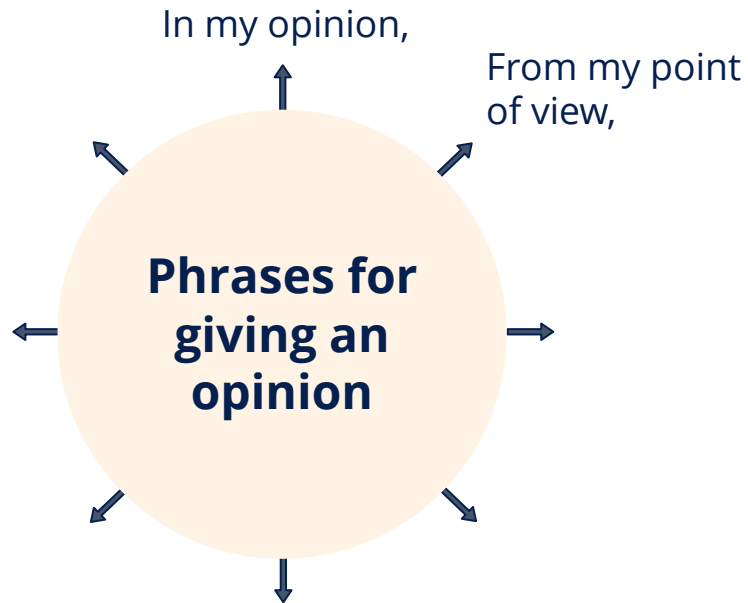
What did you use it for?





Brainstorm

Note down any phrases for giving an opinion you already know.





Asking for and giving an opinion

1. **Read** through the phrases.
2. **Ask** your teacher to explain any new words for you.

Asking for opinion	Giving an opinion
What's your view on...?	Personally, I think...
What do you think about...?	As far as I'm concerned...
Do you think it's right that...?	I'm convinced that...
Are you okay with...?	I'd like to point out that...



What's your view?

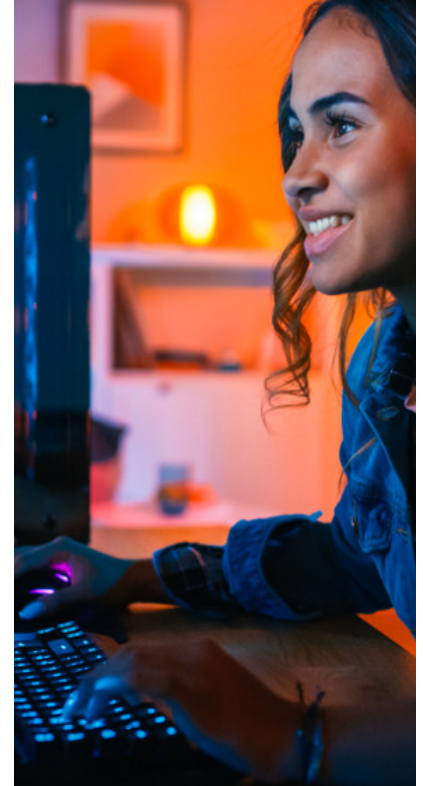
1. **Respond** to one of the opinions below.
2. **Ask** a classmate for their opinion on the topic.



"Social media companies aren't responsible for what people post online; the users are."

"Teenagers spend too much time online these days."

"The internet means anyone can become famous. It's made the world a fairer place".





Agreeing and disagreeing with an opinion

1

I'm sorry, but I have to disagree.

2

Absolutely!

3

I see things differently.

4

I agree up to a point. However,...

5

You've got a point there!

6

I couldn't agree more!

7

I agree with you to a certain extent.

8

You're right.

9

I partly agree with you, but...

10

I must take issue with you on that.

Agreeing

Partially agreeing

Disagreeing



Fill in the gaps

- 1 I agree with you up to a _____. However, I think children shouldn't be encouraged to spend so much time online.
- 2 I must take _____ with you on that. If children are supervised by their parents, the internet can be a fantastic educational resource.
- 3 I _____ agree with you more. My children watch English videos online. It has been hugely beneficial for their learning!
- 4 I'm sorry but I _____ to disagree. What about those children who spend hours and hours online playing violent games?
- 5 Ok, I guess I see things _____. I believe that as long as we use it responsibly, the internet has only improved our lives for the better!

issue
differently
have
couldn't
point



Discuss

What do you think are some of the advantages of the internet?



What are some of the disadvantages of the internet?



We **see eye to eye** with
each other on that!



If you **see eye to eye** with someone on something,
it means you **agree** with them!





The internet is our greatest invention!

1. **Divide** into two groups: *agree* and *disagree*.
2. **Prepare** arguments for a debate in breakout rooms. Use the ideas in the red box to help you.
3. **Return** to the main class and **debate** the issue together.



Agree

The internet has changed our world for the better.

The internet has revolutionised the world of education and given us access to all and any kind of information.



Disagree

The internet has caused too many problems.

We completely disagree. The internet has put our personal privacy at risk and created more dangerous forms of crime.

- Education
- Communication
- Entertainment
- Online services
- Fake news
- Security threats
- Cyber crime
- Child safety



End of the lesson

Idiom

on the same page

Meaning: in agreement (usually about how to achieve something).

Example: You and I are **on the same page** about how to best help our children.



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

Complete the phrases using the correct word.

- 1 I _____ with you up to a point.
- 2 I guess we _____ things differently.
- 3 I must _____ issue with you on that.
- 4 You're absolutely right. I _____ agree with you more!
- 5 I _____ agree with you there, but it's just not as simple as that.

see
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partly
couldn't
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Discuss



**Has the internet
destroyed our right
to privacy?**

**Share your opinion with the
class. Who agrees or disagrees
with you?**





What's your view?

Think back to the arguments presented during the debate.

Which arguments did you agree with?

Which arguments did you disagree with?

For you, has the internet caused more harm than good?





Answer key

- P. 7:** **Agreeing:** 2, 5, 6, 8
 Partially agreeing: 4, 7, 9
 Disagreeing: 1, 3, 10
- P. 15:** 1. agree
 2. see
 3. take
 4. couldn't
 5. partly



Summary

Asking for an opinion

- *What's your view on...?*
- *What do you think about...?*
- *Do you think it's right that..?*
- *Are you okay with...?*

Giving an opinion

- *Personally, I think...*
- *As far as I'm concerned...*
- *I'm convinced that...*
- *I'd like to point out that...*

Agreeing with someone

- *Absolutely!*
- *You're right!*
- *You've got a point there!*
- *I couldn't agree more!*

Partially agreeing and disagreeing

- *I agree up to a point. However...*
- *I agree with you to a certain extent.*
- *I partly agree with you, but...*
- *I'm sorry, but I have to disagree.*
- *I see things differently.*
- *I must take issue with you on that.*



Vocabulary

What's your view on...?

What do you think about...?

Do you think it's right that...?

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Notes

