

SPEAKING

A conversation about the modern world

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

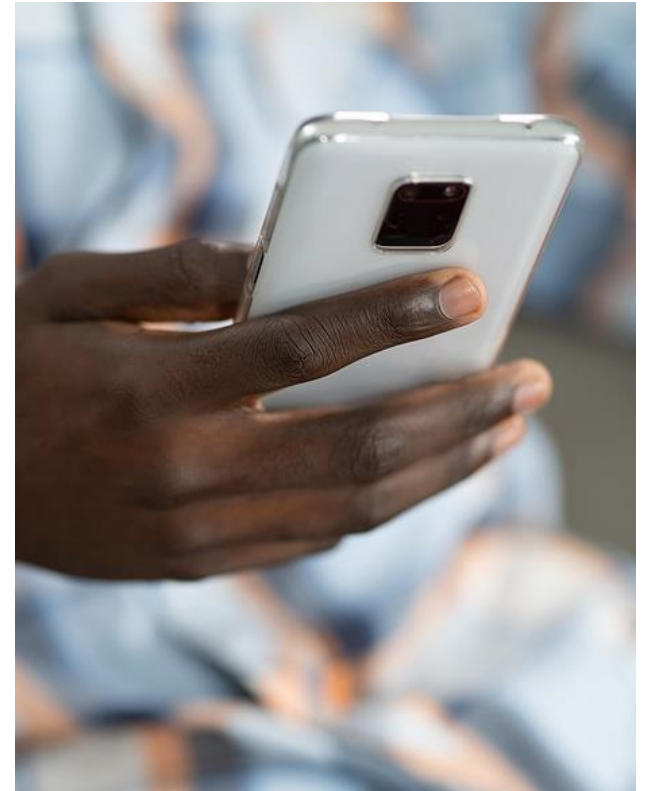
- I can engage in a simple conversation about my media habits.
- I can discuss world issues and current affairs in simple terms.



Warm-up

**When did you get
your first mobile
phone?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Focus on pronunciation

stronger



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Pronouncing silent consonants

comb



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castle



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All of the words above have silent consonants—that is, letters that are not said out loud.

Practise saying these words

stronger

listen

debt

thumb

write

young

answer

climb

crumb

wrong



Review vocabulary and skills

Review the words and phrases below.



Review these words and phrases from the chapter

We have three **reporters** on this story.



We've got to let people know what they can do to help.



It is said that 8 hours is the ideal amount of sleep.



A **reporter** is another word for a journalist. It comes from the verb *to report*.

have got to + bare infinitive is a more informal way of saying **have to**.

It is said (that)... is used for giving information when you don't know the source.



Review vocabulary and skills



Modern technology has produced a lot of **pollution**.

We need to do more to prevent world **hunger**.



We have to change our habits to prevent **global warming**.

We could use less electricity to help.





Review vocabulary and skills



Journalists or **reporters** write stories about global issues.

Digital media is becoming more and more popular these days.



Inequality is a problem that will continue to grow.

Journalists can help by **publishing** articles about a problem.





Categorise the words



1

hunger

2

newspapers

3

broadcast

4

magazine

5

homelessness

6

pollution

7

journalism

8

inequality

9

programme

global issues

media



Discuss

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the question below.

Which of the global issues below is affecting your country the most?



hunger



homelessness



pollution



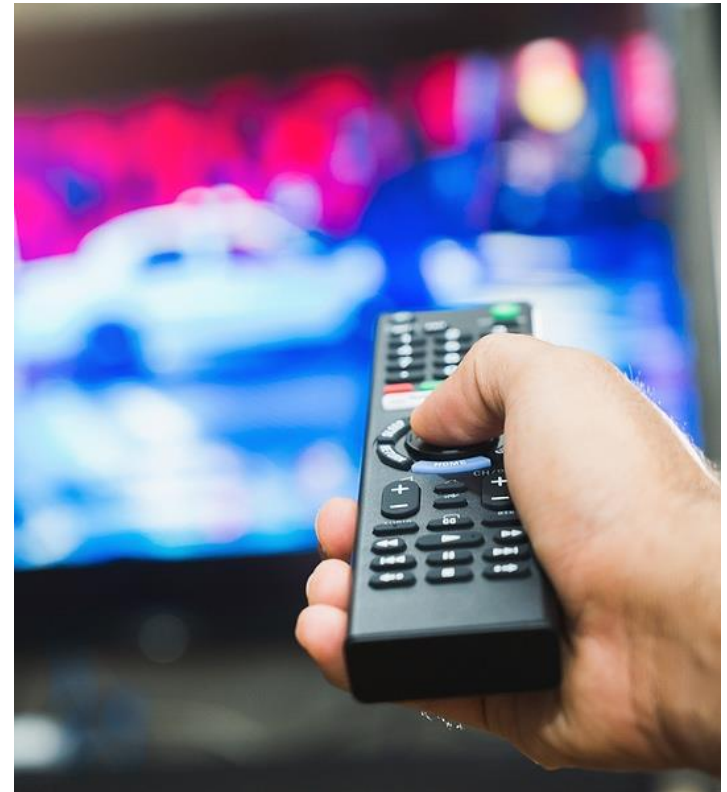
global warming



Discuss

Tell your classmates about your media habits.
How often do you...

- 1 ...watch TV?
- 2 ...read academic journals?
- 3 ...comment on social media?
- 4 ...read newspaper articles?
- 5 ...listen to radio programmes?



Social media

1. **Read** the text.
2. Then **answer** the questions below.

Social media is an important way to stay connected with people. Nowadays, social media is also a popular tool for reading the news and talking about current events.

Some say that if more people know about a problem, they will do something about it. If more people read about issues like global warming or world hunger, they will donate money or volunteer to help solve the problem.

Other people say that social media is not a good place to share this information. Sharing pictures or stories might look good, but it does not actually help the problem.



1. What do you think about this issue?
2. What are two pros and two cons of reading the news on social media?



Complete the sentences

Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

1 I use my mobile phone to...

2 I like/don't like reading the newspaper because...

3 I prefer watching movies at home/at the cinema because...





Discuss

Answer the question below.

**Children are using
social media more
and more.**

**What do you think is good or
bad about this trend?**





End of the lesson

Idiom

Keep me posted

Meaning: Let me know about any updates about a situation

Example Keep me posted about your plans for your birthday. I would love to celebrate with you.



Additional practice



Matching

Match the first half of the sentence with its correct second half.

1 Global warming is one...

2 We have...

3 We can use technology to...

4 I don't think that...

5 I think children should not...

a ...to change to make the world better.

b ...own a mobile phone until they are old enough to understand its dangers.

c ...it is too important to worry about the future.

d ...solve some of our global problems.

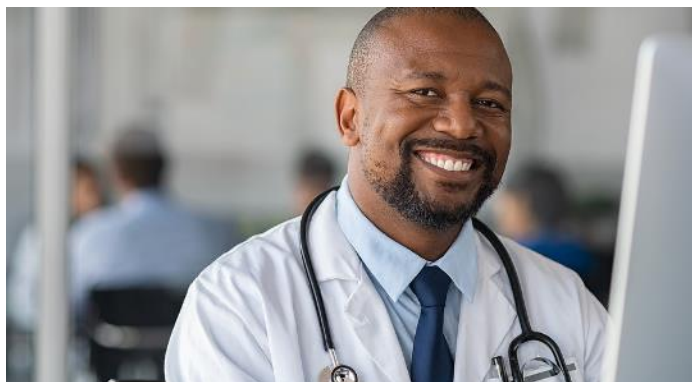
e ...of the most important issues today.





Discuss

How do you think each of the people below use the internet or social media?





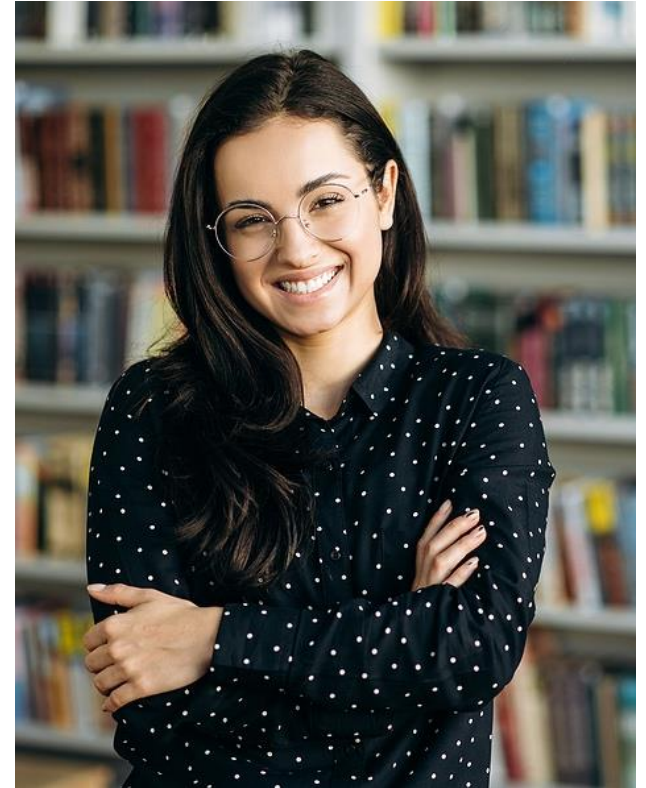
Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**Do you read or know any blogs
on societal issues?**

**Which websites do you use to
find out about these kinds of
current affairs?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Answer key

P.17:

Global issues: 1, 5, 6, 8

Media: 2, 3, 4, 7, 9

P.26: 1.) e 2.) a 3.) d 4.) c 5.) b



Summary

Pronouncing the **g** sound:

- The **g** sound can be soft or hard. Words like **stronger** and **finger** have a hard **g** sound (compared to words like **singer**).

Silent consonants:

- Focus on the pronunciation of words with silent consonants.
- *comb; castle; walk; wrist*

Talking about media habits and current affairs:

- *inequality; we could...; global warming; hunger; pollution*
- *digital media; to publish; journalism*



Vocabulary

inequality

we could...

global warming

digital media

to publish

journalism

hunger

pollution

