

Computer Savvy

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

update

Verb

/əp'det/

to make something more modern by adding new parts or features to it or by including the most recent information

This website's home page just got **updated**.

computer savvy

Adjective

/kəm'pjʊ:tər 'sævi/ able to use computers well

He is such a **computer savvy** person, it's natural that he became a web-developer.

information technology

Noun

/ɪnfər'meɪʃən tek'nɒlədʒi:/

the study and use of computers and other electronic equipment to store and send information

My friend majors in **Information Technology** at university.

surf the internet

Phrase

/sɜ:rf ði:'ɪntənet/ to spend time visiting many websites

Surfing the Internet for personal use is against company policy.

make contact with

Phrase

/meɪk 'kɒ:ntækt wɪð/ to find out where someone is and talk or write to them

Our family **makes contact with** each other via Skype.

Exercise 2

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Alex and James are talking about computers.

Alex



What was your major in college?

James



I majored in Information Technology because I love computers.

Alex



I've noticed that you spend most of your time in front of the computer. If you don't mind me asking, what do you usually do when you use it?

James



I usually surf the Internet to gather information for my research study. I also use Skype to communicate with my family in Canada. And of course, I use the computer to make contact with my acquaintances via email.

Alex



Do you know how to fix computer problems, too?

James



Yes, I do.

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. 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!

James updates the Internet browser.

James



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.

Check your understanding:

1. How does James communicate with his family in Canada?
2. What was James' major in college?
3. What did James do to fix Alex's computer?

Exercise 3

Listening Comprehension

Listen to your teacher read the text then choose the correct answers to the questions.

1. Does Paul know much about computers?
 - A. Yes, Paul is very computer savvy.
 - B. No, but he is always willing to try help Carol out.
2. What was Carol doing when her computer shut down?
 - A. Carol was playing a video game.
 - B. She was surfing the web when her computer shut down.
3. What was the matter with Carol's computer?
 - A. It needed to be turned on.
 - B. Some of Carol's programs needed to be updated.
4. What did Paul download on to Carol's computer?
 - A. Paul downloaded some movies on to Carol's computer.
 - B. Paul downloaded some anti-virus software on to Carol's computer.

Exercise 4

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation

- You are having computer problems.
- Your teacher works at a computer store.
- Explain your problem to your teacher.

Exercise 5

Discussion

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?