

High School Beginner ESL - Session 4

Hello Student!

This session will help you practice:

- Technology and social media conversations
- Question and answer patterns
- Word stress in English
- Expressing different emotions
- Similar-sounding words
- Reading a short story

Section 1: Conversation Practice

How to do this:

1. Read each conversation phrase
2. Practice saying it clearly and naturally
3. Try using hand gestures or facial expressions

Talking About Devices

Example: "I just got a new smartphone." 📱

Try saying it like:

- "My laptop is three years old."
- "Do you prefer Android or iPhone?"

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Discussing Social Media

Example: "What social media apps do you use?" 💬

Try saying it like:

- "I spend a lot of time on Instagram."
- "Can I follow you on TikTok?"

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Tech Problems

Example: "My internet connection is slow today." 🌐

Try saying it like:

- "The battery on my phone is dying."
- "I can't remember my password."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Sharing Online

Example: "Did you see the video I posted?" 📺

Try saying it like:

- "Check out this cool website I found."
- "I'll send you the link."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Online Safety

Example: "Never share your personal information online." 🔒

Try saying it like:

- "Make sure you have a strong password."
- "Be careful what you post on social media."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 2: Pitch & Intonation Practice

How to do this:

1. Read each sentence out loud
2. Try the different voice patterns (up, down, flat)
3. Check the one that sounds most natural

Do you have WiFi here?

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rising tone (voice goes up at the end for yes/no questions)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

My phone is out of battery.

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Falling tone (voice goes down at the end for statements)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Have you tried turning it off and on again?

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rising tone (voice goes up at the end for yes/no questions)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Oh no, I deleted it by accident!

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rise-Fall (up on "Oh no" then down on "accident")

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

What's your username?

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rising tone (voice goes up at the end for information questions)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 3: Word Stress Practice

How to do this:

1. The CAPITAL letters show the stressed syllable
2. Say that part LOUDER and slightly longer

3. Practice each word several times

internet

Say it like: IN-ter-net (stress on first syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "The IN-ter-net connection is fast."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

computer

Say it like: com-PU-ter (stress on middle syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "My com-PU-ter needs an update."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

technology

Say it like: tech-NO-lo-gy (stress on second syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "I love tech-NO-lo-gy class."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

password

Say it like: PASS-word (stress on first syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "Don't forget your PASS-word."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

download

Say it like: DOWN-load (stress on first syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "I need to DOWN-load this app."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 4: How Do You Say It?

How to do this:

1. Read each sentence with the feeling shown
2. Pay attention to your tone of voice and face
3. Practice showing the emotion clearly

I got 1,000 likes on my post! 😄

(Express: Excited - speak faster, energetic tone)

Voice: Higher pitch, enthusiastic

Face: Big smile, wide eyes

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

My computer crashed and I lost my essay. 😞

(Express: Frustrated - speak with emphasis)

Voice: Slightly louder, stress on key words

Face: Frown, furrowed eyebrows

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

I don't understand how this app works. 😕

(Express: Confused - speak uncertainly)

Voice: Slower pace, slightly questioning tone

Face: Puzzled expression, head tilt

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Be careful about clicking on strange links. 😬

(Express: Serious warning - speak clearly, deliberately)

Voice: Lower pitch, measured pace

Face: Serious expression, direct eye contact

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Thanks for helping me fix my laptop! 😊

(Express: Grateful - speak warmly)

Voice: Sincere tone, emphasis on "thanks"

Face: Genuine smile, relaxed expression

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 5: Minimal Pairs

How to do this:

1. Listen carefully to your tutor say each pair
2. Try saying both words and feel the difference

3. Circle the word you hear when your tutor tests you

click vs. clock

(Different vowel sounds: short "i" vs. short "o")

Say both: 🗨️ click (tight "i" sound) - 🗨️ clock (open "o" sound)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

share vs. chair

(Different beginning sounds: "sh" vs. "ch")

Say both: 🗨️ share (air flows) - 🗨️ chair (tongue blocks then releases)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

site vs. sight

(Same sound, different meaning)

Say both: 🗨️ site (website) - 🗨️ sight (vision)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

mail vs. male

(Same sound, different meaning)

Say both: 🗨️ mail (letters/email) - 🗨️ male (boy/man)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

save vs. safe

(Different consonant sounds: "v" vs. "f")

Say both: 🗨️ save (voiced, feel vibration) - 🗨️ safe (unvoiced, no vibration)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 6: Reading Practice: Online Friends

How to do this:

1. First listen to your tutor read
2. Then read out loud, sentence by sentence
3. Pay attention to periods (.) and commas (,)

I spend a lot of time online. My favorite social media app is InstaPics. 🐦

On this app, I can share photos and chat with friends. I have 200 followers! 📷 📷

My friend Carlos messaged me yesterday. "Have you done the math homework?" he asked. 📧

"Not yet. It's really difficult," I replied. "Can you help me?" 📧

"Sure! I'll send you a link to a helpful website," Carlos wrote. 📧

Later, we video chatted and worked on the homework together. Technology makes studying with friends easier! 📺 📺

I always remember to be careful online. I never share personal information with strangers. 📧

Reading Tips:

- Pause at commas (,) ⏸
- Stop at periods (.) □
- Sound excited at exclamation points (!) 📣
- Make your voice go up for questions (?) 📧
- Use different voices for dialogue (" ") 🗣

Tutor's tip: _____

Wrap-Up: What Did You Learn Today?

New Words I Learned:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Words or Sounds to Practice Next Time:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

My Favorite Part of Today's Session:
