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Keep in touch



It is possible to use a laptop anywhere. There isn't any electricity out here, but this woman has a solar battery charger. It uses energy from the sun to make power.

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- How do you keep in touch with your friends and family?
- Do you have a smartphone?
- What can you do with your smartphone?
- Is your smartphone very important to you? Why?

You will learn:

- ✱ to talk about modern communication tools
- ✱ useful expressions for phone conversations
- ✱ to use the present simple tense, present continuous tense and stative verbs

Listen and check the words that you hear.

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- ☐ talk on the phone
- ☐ video call
- ☒ send a text
- ☒ write a letter

- ☒ computer
- ☒ cellphone
- ☒ send an e-mail

- ☒ landline

Script

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Listen and check the words that you hear.

Betty: *What's the matter, Grandma?*

Grandma: *My best friend, Tina, moved to a different town. I miss her and I'd love to chat with her. We talked almost every day when she lived here.*

Betty: *Why don't you call her?*

Grandma: *She doesn't have a landline and chatting on a cellphone is too expensive.*

Betty: *I see. Well, why don't you text her? It's cheaper to send a text message than to call somebody.*

Grandma: *That's a good idea. But I often have a lot of news, and a text is for short messages.*

Betty: *Why don't you send her an e-mail? Does she have an e-mail address?*

Grandma: *Yes, she does. But I don't have a computer. Maybe I'll write her a letter.*

Betty: *A letter isn't as fast as an e-mail. Would you like to use my laptop?*

Grandma: *Oh yes, please. You're a good granddaughter, Betty.*

Betty: *No problem. I'm just happy you're smiling again.*

Teenagers' time: A video call

1 Listen and read.

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Mickey: Hi, Bill! How are you? How's life on the island?

Bill: Hello, Mickey and Suzy. I'm fine. It's great here!

Suzy: Why are you wearing a sweater, Bill?

Bill: Because it gets cold on the island in fall, you know! It's actually really cold today.

Suzy: Are you using your stepmother's laptop?

Bill: No, I'm not. It's charging now. This is my dad's computer. And guess what? He has a new webcam. That's why we can have a video call like this.

Mickey: That's great, Bill.

Teenagers' time: A video call

1 Listen and read.

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- Bill:** By the way, I have a new e-mail address, too. I'm sending you an e-mail from it right now.
- Suzy:** Thanks. I see it on my smartphone now. I usually send and receive e-mails with my phone. I surf the Internet with it, too.
- Mickey:** I can't do that on my phone, but it has fun games on it. I play the games on the school bus.
- Bill:** How's everything at your new school?
- Suzy:** Fine. It's a nice school. Everyone is friendly.

Teenagers' time: A video call

1 Listen and read.

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Mickey: I like P.E. best. I'm on the soccer team. I'm sending you a photo right now. We're playing our first game next Saturday.

Bill: Cool! You're scoring a goal in this photo!

Mickey: I know!

Suzy: Let's chat again tomorrow, Bill.

Bill: OK. School finishes at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays so I'll call you at about 4:30.

Mickey: OK. Bye.

Teenagers' time: A video call

2 Read and circle.

- 1 Bill is living on an island / in a city.
- 2 Bill has a new laptop / e-mail address.
- 3 Mickey will play a soccer game next Sunday / Saturday.
- 4 Bill will call Suzy and Mickey at about 3:00 / 4:30 p.m.

Teenagers' time: A video call

3 Read and write. Rewrite the sentences to make them correct.

1 It doesn't get cold on the island in fall.

It gets cold on the island in fall.

2 Bill is using his stepmother's computer.

Bill is using his dad's computer.

3 Suzy surfs the Internet with her computer.

Suzy surfs the Internet with her smartphone.

4 Bill plays games on his phone on the school bus.

Mickey plays games on his phone on the school bus.

5 Suzy and Mickey don't like their new school.

Suzy and Mickey like their new school.