

Speaking Card 42

Technology

Language: Vocabulary for Talking About Technology, Using the Internet

A New Phone

Anna: Did you get your new phone yet, Ryan?

Ryan: Yeah, I got it yesterday. It's a smartphone.

Anna: Finally! An iPhone?

Ryan: No, I don't like Apple. This one has Android.

Anna: Do you have a good data plan?

Ryan: Yes, I can use the internet whenever I like now. It's expensive though.

Anna: What features (= vlastnosti) does it have?

Ryan: Well, there's a good camera, nice speakers, and a big display. The battery isn't very good, though. I need to charge it every day.

Anna: Do you have any apps on it?

Ryan: WhatsApp, of course, so we can chat. And lots of games.

Anna: What about Facebook?

Ryan: No. I don't want to look at Facebook all day.

On the Computer

Peter: You've been on the laptop all morning. What are you doing?

Samantha: I am looking up information for my presentation about J. K. Rowling.

Peter: Why don't you go to Wikipedia?

Samantha: I think Rowling's website has more of the latest news about her.

Peter: Can I borrow the laptop for a moment?

Samantha: What do you need it for?

Peter: I would like to check my email.

Samantha: OK, here you go.

Peter: It won't let me sign in to my email account. It says I have the wrong password.

Samantha: Let me see. Oh, I've been using the Czech keyboard, so change the language.

Peter: Cool. Thanks.

HANDY PHRASES & WORDS

Talking about Phones

Do you have a good data plan? – Máš dobrý datový tarif?

I can use the internet whenever I like now.

to charge the phone – nabíjet telefon

to send text messages

Do you have many apps?

Using the Internet & Computer

to look up information online – vyhledávat informace online

to Google – googlovat

to browse the internet – brouzdat na internetu

to check email – zkontrolovat e-mail

to sign in to / out of your email account – přihlásit se k / odhlásit se na e-mailový účet

to attach a photo / document to an email – přiložit fotografii, dokument k e-mailu

to reply to an email – odpovědět na e-mail

to download a document / music – stáhnout dokument / muziku

to click on an icon – kliknout na ikonu

to open a document – otevřít dokument

to save a document – uložit dokument

to delete a document / file – smazat dokument / soubor

file – soubor

folder – složka

to plug in – zapojit do zásuvky

Mobile (BrE) /

Cell phone (AmE)

smartphone

battery

app

camera

speakers

display

Computer & Parts

desktop computer

PC

notebook / laptop

tablet

monitor

screen

keyboard

power button

mouse

printer

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Task 1 Talk to your classmate about your mobile devices. Do you have a mobile phone, smartphone or tablet? What features do they have? What apps do you use?

Task 2 Choose two pictures and compare them.

Task 3 How much time do you spend on the computer? What do you do?

Task 4 Role-play a dialogue with your partner.

- A Call technical support with a simple computer problem.
- B Politely tell the caller your name and ask what the problem is.
- A Say the computer screen is black.
- B Suggest turning the computer off and on again.
- A Explain that you've tried that already.
- B Ask if the computer is plugged in (= zapojený do zásuvky).
- A Say it is not. Plug it in, the computer starts working.
- B Ask if there's anything else you can help with.
- A Say no, and thank them for their help.
- B Tell them it's no problem and say goodbye.