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SPEAKING

LANGUAGE

Topic vocabulary

To be a gadget freak
To be a technophobe
To be mad about something
I'd be lost without
To be dependent upon
I couldn't get by without
Text messaging
Social networking
Wireless access
Blue tooth
Personal organiser/PDA
Smart phone
Camcorder/Digital camera
Sat nav
Internet access

Summing up expressions

So, weighing up the pros and cons, do you think ...?
Are we generally in agreement that ...?
Is it true to say ...?
So, all in all do we feel ...?
Essentially, do we all agree that ...?
So, to sum up ...
So, in general ...
It seems we've reached the conclusion that ...

RECORDING

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THIS TASK**



The Splendid Speaking Course
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Unit 7: Technology

Task: Presentation (1-2 minutes)

Talk about a technology you use that you couldn't do without.

1. **Planning: Decide which technology to talk about. Spend 1 minute making notes to help you with your talk. Think about the following issues:**

Your attitude to technology generally.
Why you couldn't do without the item you've chosen.
How your life would be changed if you didn't have this object.

2. **Task Focus: A good tip when concluding your talk is to refer back to something you mentioned in your introduction, such as an interesting fact or statistic, or by answering a question you raised at the start. This enables you to 'round off' the talk professionally and signal to your audience that you're coming to the end.**

Example: You might start:

'It's very difficult for a gadget freak like me to choose just one item that I couldn't do without.'

Then in your conclusion you can reinforce the point by saying:

'So, although I like to surround myself with the latest technologies, I could never be parted from my mobile phone!'

3. **Language: Tick any of the vocabulary on the left you want to use.**

Task: Discussion (15 minutes)

As part of a student panel you've been asked to discuss the following:

"To what extent has the Internet been a positive force?"

Some positive factors to consider might be:

- access to information
- advantages for business
- educational opportunities

Negative factors include:

- fraud
- information overload
- cyber bullying

Use any of the summing up expressions on the left to bring the discussion to a conclusion.