

AFARINESH IELTS Radio-Podcast 22

Cue card

Describe a time when you started using a new technological device (e.g. a new computer or phone).

You should say:

- What device you started using
- Why you started using this device
- How easy or difficult it was to use
- And explain how helpful this device was to you

Well, nowadays all it'd take for you to **catch up with** the numerous technological devices being produced and **hitting the market** is just a quick google search. You got any trouble **working anything out**, you can find the very gadget doing that sort of thing **spot-on on your behalf**, actually they're a **dime a dozen**. As a matter of fact, a year ago I bought a brand new smart watch with **jaw-dropping** features. Back in the day it was not that popular, but today you know, the story's quite different, just take walk down the block and you could almost see that 4 out 10 are each wearing one of these little **gizmos**. Anyhow, I sort of read of couple of reviews before buying one and by the look of things, I can say it was the whole package. Its best-selling point was the **cutting edge** health care system that would give you the **low-down** on how your body is functioning and whether you'd get a clean bill of health or not. Despite all its complicated functions, there was actually nothing to it when it came to using it. The absolute clear instructions would undoubtedly walk you through the whole thing. **In all fairness**, I had no idea what a **game changer** this smart watch would be in my life. It could not only be a cell phone in its own right but also provide me with a whole lot more features than I could ever imagine. U know, when someone **dropped me a line** on my phone, I didn't have to reach into my pocket to get my cellphone anymore. God, I could also **snap** high quality photos with it.

1. Catch up with

improve and reach the same standard as other people in your class, group etc:

If you miss a lot of classes, it's very difficult to catch up.

catch up with

At the moment our technology is more advanced, but other countries are catching up with us. come from behind and reach someone in front of you by going faster

catch up with

Drive faster – they're catching up with us.

2. Hit the market

hit the shops/streets if a product hits the shops, it becomes available to buy:

I managed to get a copy of the book before it hit the shops.

3. Work sth out

think carefully about how you are going to do something and plan a good way of doing it:

UN negotiators have worked out a set of compromise proposals.

work out what/where/how etc

We need to work out how we're going to get there.

4. Spot-on

exactly right:

Judith is always spot-on with her advice.

5. On your behalf

because of or for someone:

Oh, don't go to any trouble on my behalf.

6. Dime a dozen

very common and not valuable

PhDs are a dime a dozen nowadays

7. Jaw dropping

Amazing

8. Gismo

a small piece of equipment – used when you cannot remember or do not know its correct name SYN gadget

9. Cutting-edge

the newest and most exciting stage in the development of something

10. Low-down

the most important facts about something:

Ryan gave me the lowdown on the meeting.

11. In all fairness

used to introduce a statement that puts a less harsh or critical light on someone or something. She did poorly, but in all fairness, she was tired.

12. Game changer

a newly introduced element or factor that changes an existing situation or activity in a significant way.

13. Drop sb a line

write a short letter to someone:

Drop us a line to let us know how you're getting on.

14. Snap a picture

Take a picture