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IELTS Speaking Test part 3

Q1- What is the best age for children to start computer lessons?

The younger the better. I mean I can't say for sure. Some kids are indeed **precocious** and as soon as they get some instruction it becomes **second nature** to them. I'd be **laying it on kinda thick** if I say that this is true for all kids. I think kids around 6 or 7 are quite **receptive** and if teaching them how to use a computer is **intertwined** with some sort of game, they'd **go out of their way** to learn more and more. Take the case of the smart phones, who would have thought that very little kids, I'm talking 4 3 and even 2 would actually operate them and play with them. We gotta start early, even **prior to** school we should start the instructions

Q2- Do you agree or disagree that computers will replace teachers one day?

I don't really think it's gonna **materialize**. It's true, we can see the **cutting edge** technology progressing at an **unprecedented** pace but we should not miss one very **crucial** fact and that's, a computer cannot be as flexible as a real human being. Even the most complicated computers with **mind boggling** capabilities are **masterminded** by humans. Don't get me wrong I'm not against them. they have **indisputably** remained the most efficient teacher assistants and they'll continue to be this way in the future. Even if they could replace the teachers, **putting them in charge** means **depriving** students of real world interaction they could have had with human teachers. All in all, I **reckon** the chances of this thing happening are quite small.

Q3- How much has technology improved how we communicate with each other?

How we **get in touch** today, is definitely a **far cry** from the way we did back then. Anyone's just a single message away from you. U know We're just **extending** our friends' circle. What actually **passes for** friendships nowadays is not the genuine face-to-face **interactions** we once had. But, Since I'm a **half glass full** kind of guy I'm kinda more attracted by the positive points of this change which actually **puts** our **inclination** towards removing the physical boundaries **into perspective**. We're **hard-wired** to be sociable and as a matter of fact can't simply **do away with it**. thanks to technology we've expanded our relationships with each other and also the world out there

Language Focus

Precocious

a precocious child shows intelligence or skill at a very young age, or behaves in an adult way – sometimes used to show disapproval in British English:

a precocious child who walked and talked early

Second nature

an acquired deeply ingrained habit or skill after a while, using the gearshift becomes second nature

Lay on thick

To exaggerate or overstate a feeling or emotion.

She really laid it on thick when her pet died.

Receptive

willing to consider new ideas or listen to someone else's opinions:

You might find them in a more receptive mood tomorrow.

a receptive audience

Intertwined

if two things intertwine, or if they are intertwined, they are twisted together

intertwine with

a necklace of rubies intertwined with pearls

Go out of one's way

do something with more effort than is usual or expected:

She went out of her way to make me feel welcome.

Prior to sth

before:

All the arrangements should be completed prior to your departure.

Materialize

happen or appear in the way that you expected:

Problems were expected, but they never materialized.

Cutting edge

the newest and most exciting stage in the development of something

at the cutting edge (of something)

research that's at the cutting edge of genetic science

Unprecedented

never having happened before, or never having happened so much:

He took the unprecedented step of stating that the rumours were false.

Crime has increased on an unprecedented scale.

Crucial

something that is crucial is extremely important, because everything else depends on it SYN **vital**

crucial to

This aid money is crucial to the government's economic policies.

crucial in/to doing something

The work of monks was crucial in spreading Christianity.

play a crucial role/part in something

The city of Mycenae played a crucial role in the history of Greece.

Mind-boggling

difficult to imagine and very big, strange, or complicated:

a problem of mind-boggling complexity

Mastermind

to think of, plan, and organize a large, important, and difficult operation:

The project was masterminded by Morris, then aged 29.

Ridley, as commerce secretary, masterminded the privatization.

Indisputable

an indisputable fact must be accepted because it is definitely true:

The evidence was indisputable.

—indisputably **adverb**

Charge

the position of having control or responsibility for a group of people or an activity

in charge (of something)

He asked to speak to the person in charge.
the officer in charge of the investigation
Stern put Travis in charge of (=gave him control of) the research team.
Owens came in and took charge of (=took control of) the situation.
A commander in each county was to have charge of the local militia.

Deprive sb of sth

to prevent someone from having something, especially something that they need or should have:
A lot of these children have been deprived of a normal home life.

Reckon

think or suppose something
reckon (that)
Do you reckon he'll agree to see us?

Get in touch

talking or writing to someone:
We'll get in touch (=start talking or writing to you) as soon as we know the results of the test.
Can I have your phone number in case I need to get in touch with you?

be a far cry from something to be very different from something:

The company lost £3 million, which is a far cry from last year's £60 million profit.

Extend

continue for a longer period of time, or to make something last longer:
Management have agreed to extend the deadline.

Pass for sb or sth

if something passes for another thing, it is so similar to that thing that people think that is what it is:
With my hair cut short, I could have passed for a boy.

Interaction

the activity of talking to other people, working together with them etc
interaction with/between
the degree of interaction between teacher and student

A half glass full person

somebody sees the glass as half-empty/half-full used to say that a particular person is more likely to notice the good parts or the bad parts of a situation

Inclination

feeling that makes you want to do something:

My natural inclination was to say no.

inclination to do something

Neither of my children showed the slightest inclination to follow me into journalism.

Teachers simply do not have the time or the inclination to investigate these matters.

put something into/in perspective (=consider something in a sensible way by comparing it with something else, or to help you do this) Let's put this data into perspective. | I saw their suffering, and it really put my own problems into perspective.

Hard-wired

if an attitude, way of behaving etc is hard-wired, it is a natural part of a person's character that they are born with and cannot change:

The desire to communicate seems to be hard-wired into our brains.

Do away with sth

get rid of something or stop using it:

People thought that the use of robots would do away with boring low-paid factory jobs.