

SOLUTIONS INTERMEDIATE 3
UNIT 5: TECHNOLOGY
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Speaking

Photo comparison

I can compare photos and answer questions.

1 Label the icons with the school subjects below.

art drama geography I.C.T. maths music P.E. science



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____



7 _____



8 _____

2 Look at the photo and the questions below. Complete the answers with your own ideas.



1 Where are the students?

They might be _____.

2 What is the boy with the headset doing?

He could be _____

_____.

Speaking Strategy


When you have to compare and contrast photos, try to find at least two things the photos have in common and at least two differences. Learn some key phrases for expressing these similarities and differences.


- 3 Read the Speaking Strategy. Then complete the phrases with the words below.

kind rather theme unlike whereas

- 1 The common _____ in the photos is ...
- 2 Both photos show a ... of some _____.
- 3 In the first photo, ... , _____ in the second photo ...
- 4 _____ the second photo, the first photo shows / does not show ...
- 5 In the second photo, they're ... (-ing) _____ than ... (-ing).



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Photos C and D show students in lessons. Compare and contrast the photos. Include the following points:

- the differences between primary and secondary school lessons.
- how technology can help students learn.

5 Look at photos C and D above and read the task. Prepare your answer. Use the questions to help you.

1 Which photo shows secondary students? Are they working alone or with a teacher?

2 How are the students in each class using technology? How do you use it at your school?



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**IF YES, WHAT ARE THE
WEBSITE YOU USE?**

1 SPEAKING Ask and answer the questions about internet forums.

1 What is an internet forum?

2 Have you ever contributed to one? If so, what type of forum was it? Why did you contribute?





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Writing Strategy

Each point in the task will ask you to do a different thing, such as describe, recommend, relate, express an opinion, suggest, etc. Read the task carefully and make sure that you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.

2 Read the **Writing Strategy** and the task below. Identify the verbs in each point that tell you what you should do.

You recently bought a new computer. Write a forum post in which you:

- Describe your experience of using the computer.
- Compare it with another computer you have used.
- Present the opinions of people who think teenagers rely too much on computers.
- Ask other contributors to react to your post.

3 Read the forum posts. Did both writers cover all four points in the way described in the task? Explain your answers.

Techspot forum

Sam245



Last month I bought a new laptop. I use it every day for schoolwork and for accessing social media. I research topics for homework, and I also access the school website and submit my homework online. It's also great for messaging my friends.

I used to have a desktop computer. Although it was powerful, it was very slow and it didn't have much storage. Despite its small size, the laptop is lightning-quick and has a massive 1TB hard drive.

Unfortunately my parents are always telling me to get off the computer. They think that teenagers should spend less time interacting with people via a screen and more time talking face-to-face.

I'd be interested to hear what you think about this. Should we spend less time at our computers?

HollyXX



I love my new PC! It's an all-in-one desktop with a widescreen display. It's a really up-to-date model, despite the fact that I got it second-hand on eBay. It's bright green with a black keyboard and a wireless mouse.

Until now, I've always used my mum's old laptop. The screen was much smaller and the operating system was old so it was often impossible to download new software. And it had a lot less memory than my new computer.

I agree that teenagers rely a lot on computers, although I don't really think it's a serious problem. And anyway, it's difficult to say what we could do about it.

What do you think? Do you agree with me? Have you bought a new PC recently? What's it like?





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LEARN THIS! Concession clauses



- a** Using concession clauses can make your arguments more balanced.
- b** We can use *although* or *even though* to introduce a concession clause. The clause can come before or after the main clause.
The computer is quite powerful even though it's quite small.
Although it's quite small, the computer is quite powerful.
- c** *In spite of* and *despite* also express concession, but are followed by a noun or *-ing* form, not a clause.
In spite of / Despite its size, it's still quite powerful.

4 Read the **Learn this!** box. Underline four examples of concession clauses in the forum posts.

5 Read the task below. Identify the key words in the four points that tell you what you should do.

You recently bought a new tablet. Write a forum post in which you:

- Describe the tablet and some of its features.
- Give other forum contributors brief instructions on how to use it or one of its features (e.g. taking a photo).
- Give your overall opinion of the tablet.
- Explain how it helps you with your schoolwork.

6 Brainstorm ideas for each of the four points in the task in exercise 5.

7 Write your forum post.

CHECK YOUR WORK



Have you ...

- covered all four points?
- used one or two concession clauses?
- checked the grammar and spelling?

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Functional Language Practice: Expressing opinions

1 Use the words below to complete the dialogue.

as believe I'd my opinion seems that

Jo Do you want to play this video game?

Emma Hmm, not really. I think ¹_____ video games are pretty boring and not very creative.

Jo I don't agree. In ²_____ view, it depends on the game. Some games are quite educational.

Emma Yes, that's true, but ³_____ I see it, you're still looking at a screen for hours.

Jo I ⁴_____ that you're doing a lot more than just looking at a screen. You're using your brain, you're testing your reactions ...

Emma Yes, OK, I understand your point. But it ⁵_____ to me that the whole video game experience is false. It's not real life.

Jo Well, ⁶_____ say that you can use the same argument about reading books. Books aren't real life.

Emma That's different. In my ⁷_____, books encourage creativity because you have to imagine your own images. But video games are much less creative.

2 Work in pairs. Do you agree with Jo or Emma? What do you think about playing video games?

3 a Work in pairs. Match the photo to one of these statements.



- We should all have one 'technology-free' day every week.
- In an ideal school, every student would have a computer on their desk.
- People can't communicate face-to-face anymore because they spend too much time communicating online.

3 b Discuss the following questions.

- What is happening in the photo?
- What do you think about this kind of teaching?
- How do you think the students feel?

4 Work in pairs. Choose one of the other statements from exercise 3a. Express your opinions about it.

ASSIGNMENT:

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WRITING(PAMPHLET)

DEADLINE: THURSDAY