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Speaking 2

CONTEXT 1: IDENTITY, LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE





Social media and new technology



Introduction

Here are some key points to help you study this topic.

Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- communicate and interact effectively in speech for a variety of purposes;
- take part in short conversations, asking and answering questions, exchanging opinions and producing extended sequences of speech;
- speak spontaneously, responding to questions, points of view or situations and sustaining communication, as appropriate;
- express information and narrate events coherently and confidently, using and adapting language for new purposes;
- make appropriate and accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures;
- make creative use of the language, as appropriate, to express and justify your own thoughts and points of view; and
- use accurate pronunciation and intonation that would be understood by a native speaker.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

- Use language and structures relevant to GCSE.
- · Give a more extended answer.
- Practise saying yes/no in Irish, i.e. listen to and answer with the verb.
- The more you speak the more confident you will become.
- Try to give an extended answer where necessary.
- Listen carefully to the question being asked you may not need to give an extended answer.
- · Try to relax into the conversation.

Preparation

- Deliver a 30 second oral presentation from memory on how you use social media.
- Deliver a 30 second oral presentation from memory on new technology you use.
- Talk to a friend in Irish about social media & new technology before you go into the exam – this will be like a warm-up to get Irish into your head.
- Prepare some conversation fillers such as 'mar sin de', 'ach', 'agus ansin', 'fosta'.
- Try to use different tenses in your oral but only if they are relevant.
- Use the 10 minutes preparation time wisely focus on the parts you find most challenging.
- Learn the question words, e.g. cé, cad chuige, etc.
- Practise asking questions as well as giving answers.

Practice

- Record yourself talking about social media on your phone.
- Get used to the sound of your own Irish-speaking voice. Talk about the topic out loud, either on your own or with a friend.
- Remember you can use your own Irish accent when speaking.
- Try to use idioms in your conversation, but they should occur naturally.
- Practise pronouncing the different verb endings, e.g. using the third person singular/ plural e.g. úsáideann sé guthán póca don obair.
- Practise giving and justifying your opinion in Irish.
- Try to meet with a fluent Irish speaker before your oral exam to practise.
- Complete the chapter on Media & Communications in the Irish for CCEA GCSE book.

Revision

- Learn the key vocabulary for social media and new technology.
- Learn how to state the advantages and disadvantages of social media.
- Learn how to say what new technology you use and don't use.
- Learn phrases of time, e.g. gach lá/seachtain, go minic to describe how often you use social media etc.
- · Revise the emotions in Irish.
- Learn different opinions, e.g. is maith liom, is fuath liom, tá dúil agam.
- Make a list of your favourite idiomatic phrases and try to use them in your conversation.
- Read the chapter on Media & Communications in the CCEA GCSE Irish textbook. Try to read out loud for practice. You could even take turns with a friend.







































