Technology and the internet ESL lesson plan (A1)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- What do you use your phone for?
- How many hours a day do you spend on your phone?
- What is your favourite app?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
phone	a device you use to call and send messages	Can I use your phone?
smartphone	a phone that works like a small computer	Almost everyone has a smartphone.
laptop	a small computer you can carry	I do my homework on my laptop.
tablet	a small, flat computer with a touch screen	My son watches cartoons on a tablet.
internet	the network that connects computers around the world	I use the internet every day.
website	a place on the internet with information	Visit our website for more information.
email	a message sent from one computer to another	I sent you an email.
message	a short piece of writing you send to someone	I got your message.
app	a program you use on a phone or tablet	This app is free.
screen	the flat part of a device where you see pictures and words	My phone screen is broken.

Grammar focus (10 min): Present perfect: just, already, yet

A small company opens a new office tomorrow. Grace, the manager, checks the list with her team: “Have you ordered the flowers yet?” “Yes, I’ve already ordered them.” “And the printer?” “Leo has just installed it.” “Great. We haven’t sent the invitations yet!” By the end of this lesson you can talk about what is done and not done yet.

Form	Pattern	Example
Just	have + just + participle	She’s just called.
Already	have + already + participle	I’ve already eaten.
Yet	negatives and questions, at the end	Have you finished yet? — Not yet.
Time → past simple	yesterday · this morning · at nine	I sent it at nine.

Watch for: ~~I’ve finished just.~~ → **I’ve just finished.**. Just before the participle.

Speaking (15 min): The one-app phone

The learner’s phone can keep only three apps. They choose, justify each choice and say what they would do instead of the apps they lose. Then you remove one more and they renegotiate.

Useful language

- I couldn’t live without...
- I’m addicted to... / I’m trying to cut down on...
- It’s likely that... / I doubt that...
- It saves me a lot of time.
- to update · to back up · to scroll · to log in
- user-friendly · out of date · cutting-edge

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about technology and the internet using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 technology and the internet vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

Technology and the internet (A1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

games · keyboard · downloaded · call · photo · video · Send · password

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. Can you take a _____ of us?
2. Don't tell anyone your _____.
3. My brother plays computer _____ all day.
4. I'll _____ you tonight.
5. I watched a funny _____.
6. _____ me a text when you arrive.
7. This _____ is very small.
8. I _____ a new app.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Do you prefer calling or sending messages?
2. Do you have a computer at home? What do you use it for?
3. What technology do you use at work?
4. Do you play video games?
5. Could you live without the internet for a week?

Write

Write 80–120 words about technology and the internet. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 photo · 2 password · 3 games · 4 call · 5 video · 6 Send · 7 keyboard · 8 downloaded