Technology and the internet ESL lesson plan (B1)

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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 piece of technology has changed your life most?
- What did people do before smartphones that they no longer do?
- Have you ever lost your phone or all your files? What happened?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
device	a machine or tool made for a special purpose, like a phone or tablet	Turn off all electronic devices.
screen time	the time you spend looking at screens	Parents worry about their kids' screen time.
addicted	not able to stop doing or using something	I think I'm addicted to my phone.
notification	a message from an app that tells you something new has happened	I turned off all my notifications.
privacy	the right to keep your personal information secret	Social media can be bad for your privacy.
hacker	a person who enters other people's computers illegally	A hacker stole thousands of passwords.
virus	a program that damages a computer	My laptop has a virus.
backup	a copy of your files in case you lose them	Always make a backup of your photos.
streaming	watching or listening to films and music online without downloading them	Streaming services have changed TV.
subscribe	to pay to get a service regularly; to follow a channel	Subscribe to our channel for more videos.

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 B1 technology and the internet vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

out of date · set up · up to date · user-friendly · connect · digital · keep up with · install

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. It's hard to _____ new technology.
2. The new app is very _____.
3. Keep your software _____.
4. I can't _____ to the network.
5. My phone is completely _____.
6. Can you help me _____ my new phone?
7. You need to _____ the latest version.
8. We live in a _____ world.

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. Do you think children should have a phone? At what age?
2. What is one app you deleted, and why?
3. How do you learn to use something new: instructions, videos or trial and error?
4. What do you use artificial intelligence for, if anything?
5. What technology do you think we will all have in ten years?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 keep up with · 2 user-friendly · 3 up to date · 4 connect · 5 out of date · 6 set up · 7 install · 8 digital