



Communication

Task: Cyber Communication

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening task for the GESE 10.

You are going to hear a talk about **cyber communication**. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me generally what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

Audio Script

With the coming of the internet and modern technology, people of this day and age get to enjoy the added benefit of cyber communication. Many are able to find it beneficial in their life but nobody should turn a blind eye to the problems there could be as well.

Firstly, there is no denying that cyber communication has opened the door to many different problems. One example of this is that people can become obsessed with the use of technology and social networks. This can make a person stay connected way more than they should and are unable to see that they have started to have an addiction. That being said, another problem that some people have unfortunately run into is that they may be spied on by jealous boyfriends, girlfriends, spouses, coworkers, bosses, companies and even the government. It is certainly scary to be spied on from afar and not be able to do anything about it. Continuing with this train of thought, one also has to be careful that they are not the victim of somebody trying to scam them online. Scammers will often play off of others emotions until they are able to convince an emotionally vulnerable person to send money or something similar to that. Furthermore, there are so many different things online, that one is bound to find something more than inappropriate to see, which exposes young people to the negative behaviours of this undesirable online material. Finally, we mustn't forget that while using cyber communication to converse with others, we are missing out of real life opportunities of having face-to-face conversations and doing activities with others.

On the plus side, by having cyber communication available, distance is no longer a problem to be able to find out a lot of different information. Certainly, in addition to easier access to information, many apps and social networks allow people to stay in touch with others, such as friends and family members that are residing in another country. Also, it stands to reason that cyber communication opens up the possibility of finding more employment through online job searches, interviews and being able to do remote work from home. All of this is thanks to being able to have cyber communication. It has made it easier for people that live in low employment areas, to be able to work without having to move away. Apparently, each time it is becoming easier to use technology for communication. We can see this in the use of different devices and people becoming more knowledgeable. Even the elderly are warming up to using technology in a way the elders before their time did not.

Weighing up both sides of the argument, it is easy to see that the concerns are very real and the benefits add a lot to society. All things considered, one can conclude that it could be



interesting to study how to bring down important concerns. It should not be ignored and neither should it be the reason we are unable to take advantage of cyber communication. If we can resolve these important problems, then the world has nothing but to gain by definitely having this great resource, but people should never allow it to replace traditional communication of talking in person.

Can you tell me in one or two sentences what the speaker was talking about?

Now listen to the talk again. This time make some notes as you listen, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me about the point of view of the speaker, what is worrisome and helpful about cyber communication.

Now tell me about the point of view of the speaker, what is worrisome and helpful about cyber communication. You have one minute to talk.

This is the end of the listening task.

Answers:

Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Definitely a great thing, although people must not allow it to replace traditional communication of talking in person.
What is worrisome about cyber communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Become obsessed with the use of technology and social networks; don't disconnect● People can be spied on; jealous boyfriends, girlfriends, spouses, coworkers, bosses, companies or the government● People try to scam others online, must be careful● Many young people are exposed to negative behaviours● Missing out on many face-to-face conversations and activities
How is cyber communication helpful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Distance isn't a problem anymore to be able to find out information● Many apps and social networks that allows people to stay in touch with others, friends and family members in another country

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Open up the possibility of finding more employment; online job searches, interviews and remote working● Each time it becomes easier to use technology for communication; different devices and people becoming more knowledgeable, like the elderly
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Grammar Used in the listening task:

- **Modifiers:** basically / quite / certainly
- **Intensifiers:** absolutely / completely / totally
- **Tentative Expressions:** I may be wrong but.... / Don't you think it might be....?
- **Signposting Words:** firstly / finally
- **Idioms / Expressions:** under the weather / to be bored to tears / sink or swim / a shoulder to cry on / turn a blind eye to / to my mind / small talk / get it off your chest / be at a loose end / make a move / laugh your head off