

# Unit 1 Email

## I Pre-listening

### 1. Everyday English: Agreeing.

**Listen and repeat.**

Yeah, that's right.

I know it.

I agree with you.

You're right.

That's true.

I think so, too.

That's what I think.

Me, too.

Me neither.

### 2. Warm-up questions.

- 1) What are the advantages of email?
- 2) Do you use email? And for what purpose?

### 3. Storyline.

Today more and more people are using email. Some people are using it for communication, some people are using it for language teaching and learning...

### 4. New words and expressions.

analyst 分析者

estimate 估计

affordable 负担得起的

keypal 网友

postage 邮费

click 点击

internet cafe 网吧

Asia-Pacific region 亚太地区

## II Listening

### 1. Listen and choose your answers (True / False).

- 1) 87% of North Americans use email communication.
- 2) More and more students are using email to improve their language skills.

- 3) Email has become a great tool because it is fast and convenient.
- 4) Students are willing to pay the international postage.
- 5) With email, students cannot receive a reply within minutes.

## 2. Listen and choose your answers (Multiple choice).

- 1) What is the percentage of consumers in the Asia-Pacific region choosing email for communication?  
A. 58%. B. 87%.  
C. 74%. D. 47%.
- 2) Email has become a great tool, because it is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. acceptable B. affordable  
C. comfortable D. fashionable
- 3) Students might lose \_\_\_\_\_ in the project because it takes a long time.  
A. postage B. letters  
C. friends D. interest
- 4) In the sentence "Messages can be sent at a click of a button...", what does "a click of a button" probably mean?  
A. Easily. B. Happily.  
C. Actively. D. Slowly.

## 3. Listen again and check your answers.

# III Listening dictation

## 1. Spot dictation.

**Directions:** In this part, five sentences will be read twice. First listen and understand, and then complete the sentences with the words or phrases you have just heard.

- 1) Messages can be sent at a click of a button at school or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Email has \_\_\_\_\_ to language learners and teachers in the classroom.
- 3) One particular activity that \_\_\_\_\_ these points is the keypal exchange.
- 4) Students have to pay international \_\_\_\_\_ to send letters.
- 5) If you are using a free \_\_\_\_\_, the cost is free.

## 2. Short sentences.

**Directions:** In this part, five sentences will be read three times. First listen and understand, then listen and write down what you have just heard. For the third time, listen and check your answers.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (8 words)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (7 words)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (6 words)
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (8 words)
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (5 words)

## IV Listening and speaking

### 1. Listen and repeat.

**Directions:** Listen and repeat the following sentences twice. Pay attention to the sentence stress.

- 1) Analysts estimate that 74% of Europeans choose email as their primary means of communication.
- 2) The class might end before a series of meaningful exchanges could take place.
- 3) Messages can be sent at a click of a button at school, home, or an internet cafe.
- 4) If you are using a free email account, the cost is free.
- 5) Students can receive a reply within days, hours, or even minutes.

### 2. Listen and retell.

**Directions:** Listen to the following passage, and then retell it in your own words with the main points given below.

With email... messages can be sent... or an internet cafe.  
If you are using... the cost...  
Instead of... students can...

## V Post-listening

### 1. Listen and repeat the new words twice. Pay attention to the word stress.

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| analyst | estimate | affordable |
| keypal  | postage  | click      |

## 2. Read the new words and write them down twice.

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## 3. Match the words and expressions with their definitions.

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| 1) to estimate | a. the cost of sending a letter, etc. by post              |
| 2) keypal      | b. to operate a computer by pressing a button on the mouse |
| 3) postage     | c. to judge sth. without calculating it exactly            |
| 4) analyst     | d. a person with whom one regularly exchanges emails       |
| 5) to click    | e. a person whose job involves examining facts             |

## 4. Read the following sentences and then fill in the blanks with the words or expressions learned above. Change the forms where necessary.

- 1) Right now I'm looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ in a different country.
- 2) City \_\_\_\_\_ forecast pre-tax profits of \$40 billion this year.
- 3) It is \_\_\_\_\_ that smoking causes 100,000 deaths every year.
- 4) CDs cost £7.00 each and the price includes \_\_\_\_\_ and packaging.
- 5) You can \_\_\_\_\_ on an underlined word to jump to another section.

## 5. Study the following sentences and pay attention to the parts underlined.

- 1) Sending and reading email has quickly become one of the most popular daily activities around the world.

### More examples:

She is one of the most popular actresses in Shanghai.

It is one of the most useful lessons of life.

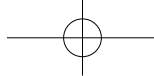
Heart trouble is one of the most serious causes of death among old people.

- 2) Instead of waiting for days or weeks for a response, students can receive a reply within days, hours, or even minutes.

### More examples:

Instead of giving him the money, he gave it to me.

You should be out playing instead of working indoors.



6. Listen to an English song twice and fill in the blanks.

Longer

Longer than there've been fishes in the ocean  
Higher than any 1) \_\_\_\_\_ ever flew  
Longer than there've been stars up in the heavens  
I've been in love with you  
Stronger than any 2) \_\_\_\_\_ cathedral  
Truer than any tree ever 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
Deeper than any forest primeval  
I am in love with you  
I'll 4) \_\_\_\_\_ fire in the winters  
You'll send showers in the 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
We'll fly through the falls and summers  
With love on our wings  
Through the years as the fire starts to mellow  
Blurring lines in the book of our lives  
Though the binding cracks and the pages start to yellow  
I'll be in love with you  
I'll be in love with you