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*“It’s faster
and more expensive.”*

GOALS

- Learn how to talk about buying a computer
 - Learn how to discuss social media
- Learn how to use comparative and superlative adverbs

WARM-UP

What is the most important factor when you pick a computer? Read the opinions and match them to the speakers. Then share your reasons with a partner.



1 A college student

a For me, appearance is most important. I like modern design and I want something that looks good on my desk.



2 An office lady

b Well, price is definitely the most important factor. I’m on a budget, so I can’t afford to spend too much.



3 An IT programmer

c I’d choose a well-known brand and it doesn’t matter if it’s expensive. You get what you pay for, don’t you?



4 A big boss

d I want a computer with a good speed. I can’t bear working with slow computers.



VOCABULARY BUILDER



A Listen and repeat.



desktop



memory



monitor



keyboard



specifications



laptop



hard drive



speakers



gigabytes



battery

B Complete the sentences with words or the expression from Exercise A.

- 1 Can I borrow your power supply? My _____ is almost dead.
- 2 My computer keeps crashing. I think it needs more _____.
- 3 I have almost run out of space on my _____. I can't load any more photos onto my computer.
- 4 The good thing about _____ computers is they are portable. You can take them everywhere.
- 5 What are the _____ of your new computer? Tell me all the details.
- 6 Johnny's new computer has a 30-inch wide _____. It looks great!
- 7 These _____ are so powerful. I can hear that song from outside.
- 8 Sally's new computer has 500 _____ of storage.
- 9 Tracy works at home. She doesn't need a portable computer, so she uses a _____.
- 10 Oh no! I spilt Coke on my _____. Now I can't type anything.

LANGUAGE NOTE



gigabyte: 千兆字节, 计算机信息存储单位。常用的计算机信息存储单位有: byte, kilobyte (KB), megabyte (MB), gigabyte (GB), terabyte (TB) 等。其中:

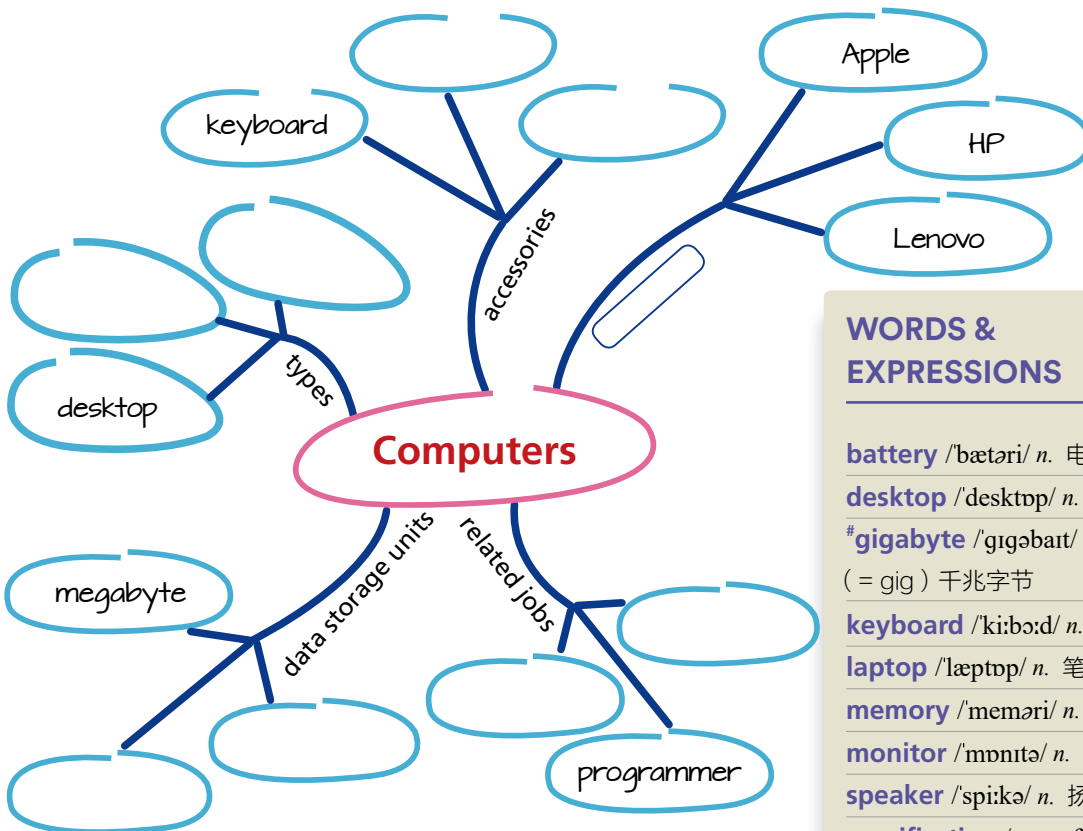
1 KB = 1,024 bytes 1 MB = 1,024 KBs
1 GB = 1,024 MBs 1 TB = 1,024 GBs



C Listen and complete the conversation.

Kevin: Hey, Jenny. What's up?
 Jenny: Not much. Have you seen the new Peachbook (1) _____ computers? They look awesome.
 Kevin: Yeah, I saw them last night. Which one do you want?
 Jenny: I want to get the 13-inch one. It's got 16 gigs of (2) _____ and a terabyte of storage.
 Kevin: Sounds great, but expensive, too. How much are they going for?
 Jenny: Around \$1,299.
 Kevin: \$1,299! That is so expensive. I think I'll (3) _____ my old Tasus.
 Jenny: That old thing! You really need a new computer, Kevin.
 Kevin: I know, but my Tasus is still working fine. I can't (4) _____ buying a new computer right now.
 Jenny: Well, I am (5) _____ getting the new Peachbook.
 Kevin: I think I would rather spend my money on a vacation.
 Jenny: Not me. I'd rather have a new computer than a vacation.

D Add more words in the circles according to the categories (分类) of computers.



WORDS & EXPRESSIONS



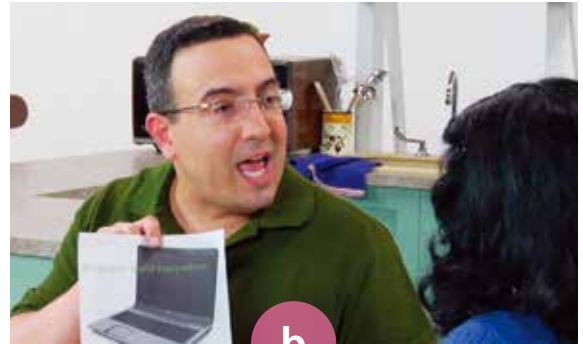
- battery** /'bætəri/ *n.* 电池
- desktop** /'desktp/ *n.* 台式电脑
- #gigabyte** /'gigəbait/ *n.*
(= gig) 千兆字节
- keyboard** /'ki:bɔ:d/ *n.* 键盘
- laptop** /'læptɒp/ *n.* 笔记本电脑
- memory** /'meməri/ *n.* 存储量
- monitor** /'mɒnɪtə/ *n.* 显示器
- speaker** /'spi:kə/ *n.* 扬声器
- specification** /'spesəfə'keɪʃən/
n. (一般用复数) 规格说明
- hard drive** 硬盘驱动器



A Watch the video. Match the pictures to the sentences which best describe them.



a



b



c



d

- 1 Mrs. Sanchez compares the laptop and the desktop.
- 2 Hector tells his parents about his new laptop.
- 3 Mr. Sanchez is looking at computer ads.
- 4 Mr. Sanchez shows Mrs. Sanchez an ad for a laptop.

B Read the description and write *laptop* or *desktop*.

Which one:

- | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 is cheaper? | <u>desktop</u> | 2 has less memory? | _____ |
| 3 is faster? | _____ | 4 is bigger? | _____ |
| 5 is lighter? | _____ | 6 is easier to carry? | _____ |



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C Watch the video again. Complete the conversation.

- Mr. Sanchez: Compare the laptop to a(n) (1) _____ computer.
- Mrs. Sanchez: The desktop computer is a lot bigger and heavier than the (2) _____.
- Mr. Sanchez: Yes, but it's (3) _____.
- Mrs. Sanchez: Let's see. The laptop is smaller than the desktop. But it's also (4) _____ expensive than the desktop.
- Mr. Sanchez: Right.
- Mrs. Sanchez: Which one has the (5) _____ memory?
- Mr. Sanchez: The laptop has more memory than the desktop.
- Mrs. Sanchez: So then that must mean that the laptop is (6) _____.
- Mr. Sanchez: Right again. More memory means faster speed. Smaller in size, lighter in weight, more memory, and more expensive. Bigger in size, (7) _____ in weight, slower, and cheaper.
- Mrs. Sanchez: I think we should spend a little more money and buy the laptop. It will be more (8) _____ for Hector than the desktop.

D Put the events in order according to the video.

- 1 Mr. Sanchez says the laptop is on sale today.
- 2 Hector comes home carrying Mateo's old laptop.
- 3 Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez compare laptops and desktops.
- 4 Mr. Sanchez says Hector needs a computer for school.
- 5 Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez agree to surprise Hector with a new laptop.



WORDS & EXPRESSIONS



- afford** /ə'fɔ:d/ v. 买得起
- light** /laɪt/ adj. 轻的
- natural** /'nætʃərəl/ adj. 自然的; 不做作的
- savings** /'seɪvɪŋz/ n. (复数) 积蓄; 银行存款
- thin** /θɪn/ adj. 薄的
- a good deal** 合算的买卖
- on sale** 促销; 减价
- the whole point** 要点; 重点



Screen time, all the time!

Do you spend hours staring at your screen? Are you posting things on social media more often than before? If so, watch out—you might recognize yourself in one of these amusing stories.

A texting woman falls into a fountain

A woman from England became an Internet hit when she was filmed falling into a fountain. People all over the world watched the short video of a woman strolling through a park, so busy texting that she didn't look up. She walked straight into a fountain and fell into the water. Luckily, the water was not deep, so she was unharmed. Incredibly, she got out of the fountain while still looking at her phone, and went straight back to her text.



The quietest birthday party

Another Internet sensation was the very quiet birthday party. Why was it so quiet? Everyone was on social media, of course! The birthday girl was taking selfies, two friends were taking photos of the birthday cake, another friend was filming the event on her phone and two other friends were glued to the screens—probably writing posts about what a great party they were at!



If only she'd looked up!

A love-struck man paid hundreds of dollars to hire an airplane trailing the words "Will you marry me?" behind it. He took his girlfriend for a romantic picnic on the beach and sat down at a spot where he knew the airplane would pass overhead. Sadly for him, his girlfriend didn't see his expensive display. Why? She was in the middle of sending a long text and didn't look up.



A Read the statements. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Not many people have seen the video of the woman falling into a fountain.
- 2 The woman fell into the water because she was so busy texting.
- 3 The birthday party was very quiet because there was only one guest.
- 4 The birthday girl wasn't talking to any of her guests.
- 5 The man hired an airplane because he wanted to ask his girlfriend to marry him.
- 6 The girl didn't see the airplane because the weather was very cloudy.

B Read the text. Complete the sentences with no more than three words.

- 1 The woman who fell into the fountain didn't hurt herself because the water _____.
- 2 When the woman _____ the fountain, she continued texting.
- 3 At the birthday party, all of the guests were on _____.
- 4 Two of the guests were taking photos of _____.
- 5 A man spent _____ because he wanted to ask his girlfriend to marry him.
- 6 Unfortunately, the man's girlfriend _____ his question.

C Choose the best answer.

- 1 Which country was the fountain in?
 - a England.
 - b America.
 - c The text doesn't say.
- 2 How many people were there at the very quiet birthday party?
 - a Two.
 - b Five.
 - c Six or more.
- 3 Where did the man ask his girlfriend to marry him?
 - a In an airplane.
 - b On a beach.
 - c At the airport.
- 4 What do you think the writer is trying to tell us?
 - a We spend too much time on social media.
 - b We don't spend enough time on social media.
 - c It's good to use social media when we are with our friends.

WORDS & EXPRESSIONS



amusing /ə'mju:zɪŋ/ *adj.* 好笑的; 有趣的

fountain /'faʊntɪn/ *n.* 喷泉; 喷水池

hit /hɪt/ *n.* 风行一时的事物

#incredibly /ɪn'kredəbli/ *adv.* 难以置信地

post /pəʊst/ *v.* 发布 *n.* 帖子

recognize /'rekəɡnaɪz/ *v.* 认出; 认识

sensation /sen'seɪʃən/ *n.* 引起轰动的人(事); 轰动

#stroll /strɔ:l/ *v.* 散步; 漫步

text /tekst/ *v.* 发送短信 *n.* 短信

#trail /treɪl/ *v.* 拖; 拉

be glued to 盯着某物看

stare at 凝视; 盯着看

watch out 小心



READING

D Match the words to their collocations in the text. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of them.

- | | |
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| 1 stare | a into |
| 2 fall | b out of |
| 3 stroll | c at |
| 4 get | d through |

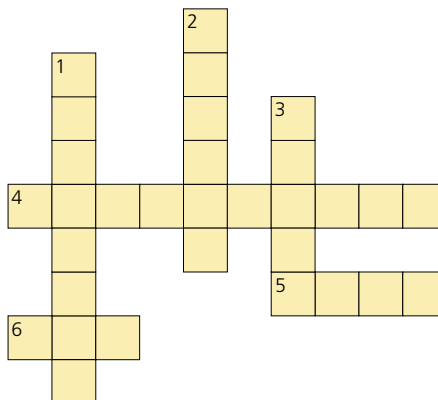
- A The girl _____ the water and had to be pulled out at once.
 B Why are you _____ me?
 C Kate hates to _____ bed on cold mornings.
 D Let's _____ a few shops and see what the prices are like.

E Find words from the text to match the definitions. The first letters are given.

- 1 s_____ → an event that causes a lot of excitement and interest
 2 l_____ → strongly in love with someone
 3 f_____ → to use a camera to record a story or real events
 4 t_____ → to pull something behind you
 5 a_____ → funny
 6 be g_____ to → to look at something with all your attention

F Read the definitions and complete the crossword.

DOWN	ACROSS
1 a structure from which water is pushed up into the air	4 in a way that is hard to believe
2 the surface on which the image appears in an electronic display	5 to send someone a written message on a mobile phone
3 not making much noise, or making no noise at all	6 something such as a film, play, song, etc. that is very popular and successful



BEYOND THE TEXT

A Read the post and the comment. Then write your reply to the given comment and also your own comment on the post.

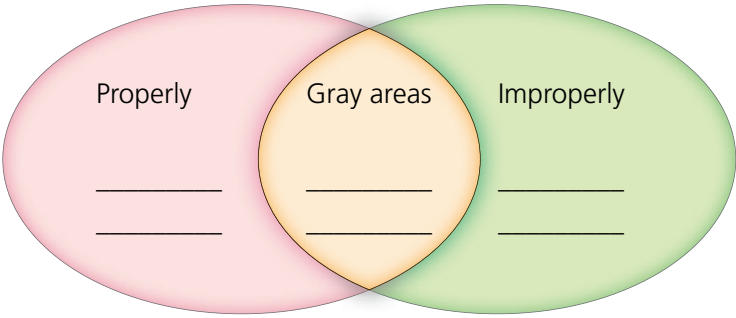
Jackson Do you know of anyone who takes time off work sick, but then posts jokes, photos and comments from their “sick bed” on social media? One of my colleagues took time off work because of a sore back, and went for a skiing holiday in the French Alps. He posted photos of his active holiday, forgetting that he was Facebook friends with his boss... Poor guy!

Like · Reply · 35

Patrick Yes, I know people like this. I think it’s wrong to lie to your boss and I’m sorry to say that your colleague deserved to be found out. I’m also not a fan of people posting holiday pictures online—it seems a bit boastful.

Like · 2

B It has been said that we no longer have a choice about whether or not we do social media. The question is whether we do it properly or improperly. Do you agree? Put the following expressions into the three categories. Share your ideas with a partner.



- | | |
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| <p>1 Posting photographs of the food you’ve eaten</p> <p>2 Keeping in touch with friends</p> <p>3 Writing positive comments about other people’s posts</p> | <p>4 Posting negative comments about your ex-boyfriend / ex-girlfriend</p> <p>5 Posting photographs of your holiday</p> <p>6 Webcasting an entire concert you’ve been to lately</p> |
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CHAT TIME



A Listen and complete the conversation.

Amanda: Hey, Julian. (1) _____?

Julian: Sure, Amanda. What's up?

Amanda: (2) _____.
How do I print?

Julian: Let's see. Before I do anything, have you saved your work?

Amanda: (3) _____.

Julian: Good. Is the printer connected to the computer?

Amanda: Maybe.

Julian: Yes, it looks OK. So here is what you do. Click on the toolbar and select *Print*.

Amanda: Wow, it's so easy.

Julian: You can also use this short-cut. Just push *Control* and *P* on the keyboard.

Amanda: Thanks, Julian! You are the best.

Julian: Wait a minute... This isn't right.

Amanda: Why? What happened?

Julian: I don't know. (4) _____.

Amanda: Oh no!

Julian: It's OK. (5) _____.

Amanda: Fingers crossed.



B Ask your partner about computers.



Sam

Are you good with computers?



You



Sam

Have you ever helped someone with a computer problem?



You



Sam

Does your computer have any problem at the moment? What's wrong with it?



You

LANGUAGE NOTE



fingers crossed 意为“祈求心想事成”。该表达源于基督教早期，那时基督徒会交叉手指以从十字架中获得力量。现在，很多西方人会使用该表达期盼好运。



- C** Work in pairs. There is something wrong with your computer. Ask your partner who is good with computers for help.

Useful language

Problems

- I can't connect to the Internet.
- My laptop keeps losing charge.
- My computer's really slow.
- Downloads are taking too long.
- My computer keeps restarting.
- I keep getting pop-up ads on my desktop.
- My Wi-Fi keeps disconnecting.

Solutions

- You could try restarting your computer.
- If I were you, I'd update my drivers.
- Try switching it off and then on again.
- I think you should clear some space on your hard drive.
- You should uninstall the programs you're not using.
- Run a full scan with anti-virus software.

EXAMPLE

A: Hey, Jeff. Can you give me a hand?

B: I can certainly try. What's up?

A: My screen's gone completely black. I'm not sure why.

B: Hm. Has it run out of charge?

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WORDS & EXPRESSIONS



crash /kræʃ/ *v.* 瘫痪; 崩溃

printer /ˈprɪntə/ *n.* 打印机

reboot /ˌriːˈbuːt/ *v.* 重新启动 (计算机)

short-cut /ˈʃɔːtkʌt/ *n.* 快捷键; 捷径

toolbar /ˈtuːlbaː/ *n.* (计算机屏幕上的) 工具栏

back up 备份

fingers crossed (交叉手指) 祈求心想事成



WRITING

Instructions for a computer (电脑使用指南)

A Look at the pictures. Put them in order to show how to switch on a new desktop.



B Choose the correct words to complete the instructions. Then match the instructions to the pictures in Exercise A.

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1 _____ (Enter / Read) a user name and password. Sign in to the system. | Picture a |
| 2 _____ (Put / Plug) your computer in. | Picture b |
| 3 _____ (Download / Delete) any Apps you would like to use. | Picture c |
| 4 _____ (Turn / Shut) your computer on. | Picture d |
| 5 _____ (Follow / Remove) the instructions on the welcome screen. | Picture e |

C Complete the list with words or expressions from the boxes.

- | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| save | clean | contact | use | choose |
| install | open | connect to | turn off | remove |

Computer use: dos and don'ts

- 1 Don't _____ your computer just by pressing the power switch.
- 2 _____ your computer screen and keyboard regularly.
- 3 _____ anti-virus software to protect your computer from viruses.
- 4 Go to your menu and _____ the "Shut down" option.
- 5 _____ passwords to protect your computer and keep your information safe.
- 6 _____ the help desk if you need any further assistance.
- 7 _____ your work before shutting the computer down.
- 8 _____ any USBs before closing the computer.
- 9 Don't _____ unknown attachments.
- 10 Don't _____ public Wi-Fi when making online transactions.

D Write some simple instructions on how to switch off a laptop.

How to switch off a laptop

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____





A Complete the sentences with the correct comparative or superlative form.

- 1 That dog is the _____ (fat) dog I have ever seen.
- 2 This book is _____ (interesting) than that one.
- 3 You speak English far _____ (fluently) than the others.
- 4 The burden fell _____ (heavily) on these people.
- 5 The weather is _____ (bad) today than it was yesterday.

B Complete the letter with the correct comparative or superlative form.

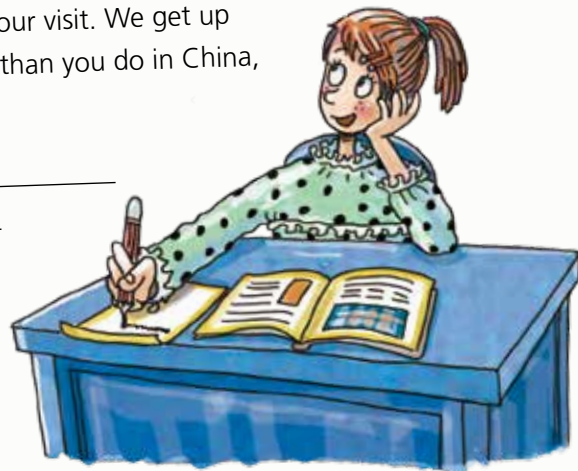
Dear Fang,

I'm really excited that you are coming to visit me next month as part of the school exchange. I had the (1) _____ (good) time ever with you in China when I visited you (2) _____ (early) this year. I hope you enjoy London too.

You'll find that the school day is (3) _____ (short) here, and the work is a little bit (4) _____ (easy) too, so we'll have time to go and enjoy ourselves (5) _____ (freely) in the evening. I have so much I want to show you, and time always goes (6) _____ (fast) when you're on holiday, so I am trying to make a good plan for your visit. We get up (7) _____ (late) in the morning than you do in China, so at least you won't be too tired!

London has some of the U.K.'s (8) _____ (beautiful) parks and (9) _____ (interesting) buildings, so if the weather is good we can visit them together!

See you soon,
Sophia



GRAMMAR NOTE



形容词的比较级和最高级的变化规则在《新生代英语基础教程1》Unit 4 中已讲授。

副词的比较级和最高级 (**comparative and superlative adverbs**) 的常见变化规则如下:

- 单音节词和少数双音节词以加词尾的方法构成比较级和最高级, 如: harder / hardest, later / latest, earlier / earliest.
- 双音节词和多音节词大多在前面加 more 和 most 构成比较级和最高级, 如: more / most quickly, more / most carefully.



A Watch the video. Read the statements. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Kevin has a laptop.
- 2 Jonathan doesn't like his computer.
- 3 Alejandra doesn't have a computer.
- 4 Catherine likes to use email.
- 5 Jackie uses the computer for chatting online.



B Watch the video again. Answer the questions.

1 What does Reda like about new cell phones?

2 What does Kevin like about his laptop?

3 What does Denise use Instant Messenger for?

4 Was Julianna's computer expensive?

5 Does Jackie download music?

C Answer the questions. Tell your own story.

1 What kinds of technology do you own?

I own...

2 What do you use a computer for?

I use a computer to...

3 What piece of technology would you like to buy?

I would like to buy a(n)...

WORDS & EXPRESSIONS



constantly /ˈkɒnstəntli/

adv. 持续不断地; 经常地

digital /ˈdɪdʒətəl/ *adj.* 数字的;

数码的

electronics /ɪˈlektrɒnɪks/ *n.*

(复数) 电子设备

reliable /rɪˈlaɪəbəl/ *adj.* 可信赖

的; 可靠的



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MY LEARNING LOG

WORDS

Words I have learned in this unit are:

- amusing gigabyte memory specification
- battery incredibly monitor stroll
- fountain laptop sensation trail

Now I know _____ new words.

More words I have learned in this unit are:

EXPRESSIONS

Expressions I have learned in this unit are:

- a good deal stare at
- be glued to the whole point
- hard drive

Great! Now I know _____ useful expressions.

More useful expressions I have learned in this unit are:

I CAN

- talk about buying a computer.
- discuss social media.
- use comparative and superlative adverbs.

I EVEN CAN

- write instructions for a computer.

Next Unit