



Lesson 37: Computer Savvy

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

update	(V)	to make something more modern by adding new parts or features to it or by including the most recent information	This website's home page just got updated .
computer savvy	(ADJ)	able to use computers well	He is such a computer savvy person, it's natural that he became a web-developer.
information technology	(N)	the study and use of computers and other electronic equipment to store and send information	My friend majors in Information Technology at university.
surf the internet	(PHRASE)	to spend time visiting many websites	Surfing the Internet for personal use is against company policy.
make contact with	(PHRASE)	to find out where someone is and talk or write to them	Our family makes contact with each other via Skype.

Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Camel and Alex are talking about computers.



Camel

What was your major in college?



Alex

I majored in Information Technology because I love computers.





Camel

I've noticed that you spend most of your time in front of the computer. If you don't mind me asking, what do you usually do when you use it?



Alex

I usually surf the Internet to gather information for my research study. I also use Skype to communicate with my family in Canada. And of course, I use the computer to make contact with my acquaintances via email.



Camel

Do you know how to fix computer problems, too?



Alex

Yes, I do.



Camel

Can you do me a favor? I'd like you to check my laptop. It's really slow when I browse the Internet.



Alex

Let me check. I see! You just need to update your Internet browser.



Camel

Well, I have little knowledge when it comes to computers. Can you do it for me?



Alex

Sure!

Alex updates the Internet browser.





Alex

Done!



Camel

Wow, you're so fast! You really are computer savvy. Thank you so much, Alex.



Alex

I'm more than happy to help.

Check your understanding:

- How does Alex communicate with his family in Canada?
- What was Alex ' major in college?
- What did Alex do to fix Camel's computer?

Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You are having computer problems.
- Your teacher works at a computer store.
- Explain your problem to your teacher.

Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) When was the first time you used a computer?
- 2) What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of using a computer?
- 3) Do you think you are computer savvy?
- 4) Is Information Technology a popular major in your country?
- 5) How do you fix minor computer problems?

