

Note: In communicative exercises where several answers are possible, this answer key contains some examples of correct answers, not all possible answers. Any valid answer in this type of exercise should be considered acceptable.

Exercise 1

Answers will vary, but may include the following:

For listening to music: *MP3 player, speakers*

For watching movies: *laptop computer, desktop computer, DVD player, MP3 player*

With your computer: *flash drive, headphones, projector, speakers*

While driving: *earphone, GPS*

While on vacation: *digital camera, MP3 player, camcorder*

Exercise 2

Answers will vary.

Exercise 3

Answers will vary. Following is one example of what students may write:

I need a new digital camera. My digital camera is ten years old. It's an antique. It's very large and heavy. And it's very slow. I'm ready for an upgrade.

Exercise 4

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. c

Exercise 5

2. he's looking 3. Are you going 4. I'm leaving
5. Are you checking 6. I'm shopping 7. is having
8. 's using 9. She's making

Exercise 6

2. No, they're not / they aren't. They're looking at the newspaper ads.
3. No, I'm not. I'm shopping for a smart phone.
4. No, she's not / she isn't. She's going to the movie tomorrow night.

Exercise 7

2. Is he checking e-mail right now?
3. Are they buying a scanner?
4. Is Kate working today?

Exercise 8

2. is going to the tech conference
3. are you buying
4. is your sister going to Dublin

Exercise 9

1. She's having lunch with Peter.
2. Yes, she's going shopping. She's looking for a camcorder.
3. No, she's not / she isn't eating dinner. She's seeing / watching a movie with Ed.

Exercise 10

Answers will vary.

Exercise 11

1. How's it going? 2. What's wrong with it?
3. What brand is it? 4. Any suggestions?

Exercise 12

1. blender 2. microwave 3. washing machine 4. fan
5. hair dryer 6. freezer

Exercise 13

Answers will vary, but may include the following:

2. Pell computers are awesome! 3. That's too bad.
4. It's a lemon!

Exercise 14

Answers will vary.

Exercise 15

Answers will vary, but may include the following:

2. portable: *MP3 player*
I can carry it everywhere I go.
3. affordable: *fan*
It doesn't cost too much.
4. obsolete: *cassette player*
Nobody uses cassette players any more.
5. popular: *smart phone*
All of my friends have smart phones.
6. convenient: *smart phone*
I can check my e-mail any time, anywhere.

Exercise 16

1. false 2. true 3. true 4. no information 5. false 6. no information

Exercise 17

portable: *small enough to wear in a shirt pocket*
popular: *over 150 million have been sold around the world; the best selling consumer electronic product ever made*
Answers to questions will vary.

Exercise 18

2. is leaving 3. is going 4. is talking 5. is buying
6. is using 7. is making 8. is sending 9. are cleaning
10. making

Exercise 19

Answers will vary. Following is one example of what students may write:

The employees at the Techo office are having problems. The number Frank is calling is busy. The photocopier is broken. The sink in the kitchen is clogged, and the coffee maker is not working.

GRAMMAR BOOSTER

Exercise A

2. My mother's buying a newspaper 3. They're walking to school 4. It's raining 5. He's running in the park
6. We're closing the store 7. He's writing the report

Exercise B

2. Sonia and Leo aren't / are not drinking tea.
3. Ted isn't / is not doing homework.
4. You're not / You aren't / You are not listening.
5. I'm / I am not reading a book.
6. We're not / We aren't / We are not eating at a restaurant.
7. The fax machine isn't / is not printing.

Exercise C

1. c 2. b 3. a 4. f 5. d 6. e

Exercise D

2. Where are they playing soccer?
3. What is Sam eating?
4. When is Lidia coming home?
5. Why are you using my computer?
6. How much are you paying for that laptop?

WRITING BOOSTER**Exercise A**

2. I have a convenient food processor.
3. We have an obsolete desktop computer.
4. She has an awesome smart phone.
5. They have a fast laptop.
6. He has a portable video player.

Exercise B

2. I hear Econotech scanners are good and affordable.
3. Microwaves are fast and convenient.
4. These coffee makers are expensive and guaranteed.
5. I'm looking for an up-to-date and small smart phone.

Exercise C

Answers will vary, but may include the following:

1. It's a GPS.
2. (It's a) My Buddy.
3. (It's) 266T.
4. It gives you directions.
5. Portable, expensive.
6. (You use it) in a car.
7. It's a good product because it gives free traffic updates.

Exercise D

Answers will vary.