

Unit 5 – Communication & the Media

B1 Oral Exam Task

Situation:

You are speaking to a group about using media in a smart and safe way.

Part 1 – Describe

Describe two differences between traditional media and social media.

Part 2 – Explain

Explain why false information can spread quickly online.

Part 3 – Give your opinion

Give your opinion: Should students learn media literacy at school? Say why and give one example.

Read text before you prepare your answer:

“Media is how we get information about the world. In the past, many people got news from newspapers, radio, and television. These were controlled by journalists and editors, so information was checked before it was shared. Today, many people use digital media and social media. People can post news, videos, and opinions online in seconds, and other people can share it very quickly.

This is useful because we can get information fast and hear many different voices. For example, people can share important news during an emergency. But there are also problems. Sometimes information is shared before it is checked, so false stories can spread. This is called misinformation or “fake news.” It can confuse people and change how they think about events.

Social media also changes how people communicate. Posts are often short and emotional, and they are made to get attention. Some people mostly see posts that match their own opinions, so they do not hear other views.

Because of this, media literacy is important. Media literacy means checking sources, thinking critically, and knowing the difference between facts and opinions.”