

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. SMARTPHONES. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. What do you mainly use your smartphone for?

I use my smartphone far too much and for a wide variety of tasks, but I predominantly use my smartphone for listening to podcasts and messaging students. Mostly it's for managing my business and getting in touch with students via KakaoTalk.

Part 1. Are there any disadvantages to using smartphones?

It's hard to say there are disadvantages to using smartphones. I suppose we could talk about the detrimental effects of smartphones, for example, being addictive. Maybe that's the downside of smartphones. It stops us interacting with people face to face so much, so there are definitely detrimental effects, but disadvantages are quite hard to find because they're such useful items.

Part 2. Describe a smartphone application you find useful.

I'd like to tell you about Apple Podcasts. I first started listening to podcasts maybe ten years ago. So it's been a big part of my life for a long time and it inspired me to make my own podcast. About a year ago actually, not that long ago, Google Podcasts, which was my main platform form, the one that I use the most, switched to... they stopped running, they shut down the platform, so I had to switch to something, and I found Apple Podcasts and I was really impressed. I think it's a very nice, clean app. They have all the podcasts I want. They give me notifications when my podcast has come up and, yeah, I'm just really happy with that platform. So I made the switch and I've been very satisfied.

So let me tell you a little more about Apple Podcasts. It's, as I said, a very clean app. It has all the podcasts you could think or want and in my case, it's particularly good because I use all Apple devices. That's not been a conscious decision, but just gradually I've switched to Apple. So this app, Apple Podcasts, syncs across all of the different devices and, yeah, it's just been very convenient for me. I subscribe to about 15 podcasts. Most of them are related to football or business, some golf, and a few other things. You know, a bit of politics and society and that kind of thing. So it's, it's become a really a huge part of my life, that application.

VOCABULARY

conscious (adjective) - awake and able to think or feel things.

detrimental (adjective) - causing harm or damage.

downside (noun) - the bad part of something.

gradually (adverb) - slowly over time.

notifications (noun) - messages that pop up to tell you something new.

podcast (noun) - an audio show you can listen to online.

predominantly (adverb) - mostly or mainly.

switch (verb) - to change from one thing to another.

syncs (verb) - matches or connects with something else at the same time.

via (preposition) - going through or using something as a way.