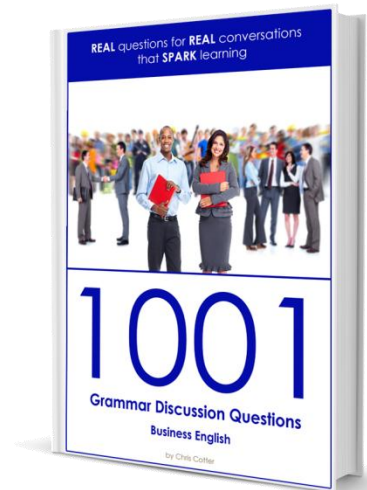
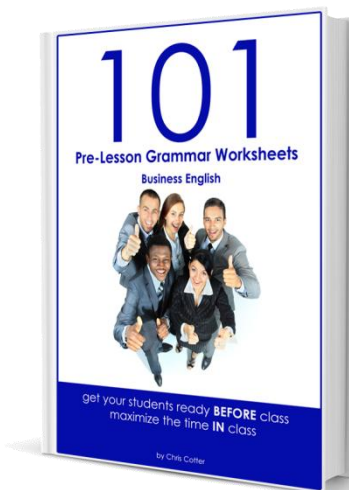


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

Compulsive Internet Disorder

The Internet has become an important part of most people's lives because it's used for communication, information, and entertainment. Billions of people around the world send e-mails, chat online, read the news, and even play games. However, some people become addicted to the Internet. These people withdraw from the real world and spend more time alone.

Some psychologists state that people who use the Internet too much already have a mental illness. In other words, they already have a gambling problem, or prefer to play games instead of work. However, some psychologists believe Internet addiction is real, and doctors should see it as a mental disease.

South Korea thinks this Internet disorder is serious because children stop going to school to play games online. Even worse, some gamers have died after playing games online for many days without sleep!

In South Korea, there are counseling centers and treatment programs at hospitals for people with an Internet addiction. A rehab center also recently opened too. At the center, as part of a twelve-day program, participants cannot use computers. They may only use a cell phone one hour per day. The program is so popular that people are turned away because there isn't any available space.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

the Article (for students)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

withdraw	disease	available	prefer	participants
counseling	died	communication	serious	already

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Lower-Intermediate - Vocabulary

STEP ONE

Brainstorm: Brainstorm with a partner words and ideas for "addiction" for two minutes. Next, talk about the words and ideas for five minutes.

STEP TWO

Vocabulary match: Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

a.	withdraw	u.	illness
b.	prefer	v.	take away or leave
c.	disease	w.	open or empty
d.	serious	x.	someone who does an activity
e.	participant	y.	very important
f.	available	z.	like

STEP THREE

Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	disease	participants	withdraw
	available	prefer	serious
a.	These people () from the real world and spend more time alone.		
b.	They already have a gambling problem, or () to play games.		
c.	Doctors should see Internet addiction as a mental ().		
d.	South Korea thinks this Internet disorder is ().		
e.	As part of a twelve-day program, () cannot use computers.		
f.	People are turned away because there isn't any () space.		

STEP FOUR

The Article: 1) Read the article, but don't worry about the missing words. 2) Fill in the blanks with today's vocabulary, followed by all the other words. 3) Read the article again, and circle any unknown words/phrases. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the words or phrases you circled. 4) Answer the questions to check your comprehension.

a.	As mentioned in the article, what is the Internet used for?
b.	Why do some experts think that Internet addiction isn't a real illness?
c.	What does the article say about Internet use in South Korea?
d.	What are some of the rules at the rehab center?
e.	How popular is the program at the rehab center?

STEP FIVE

Discuss: Write down three vocabulary words from today's article that you want to use.

a.	
b.	
c.	

Now talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Every time you use a vocabulary word, place a check next to it.

a.	Why do some people spend too much time on the computer and the Internet?
b.	Is Internet addiction a real illness? Why/not?
c.	Do you think you have an addiction to the Internet? Why/not?
d.	What would you do if a family member spent days playing games on the computer?

Score yourself:

7-10 times, or more: Fantastic! Be sure to review the words at home.

4-6 times: Pretty good! You're on your way to acquiring today's vocabulary. Try writing your own sentences at home for more practice.

3 or less times: Try harder next time! To acquire new vocabulary, you need to use the new words as much as possible.