

## Useful Phrases / Sentences

Encourage students to include these useful phrases and sentences in their writing.



**Thanks to** the development of smartphones, the new generation prefers texting others via instant messaging apps like WhatsApp to direct calling.

Purpose: to mention the cause of something (sometimes disapproving)

Structure: Thanks to + noun / noun phrase, + clause

e.g. **Thanks to** the bad weather, the school picnic has to be cancelled.



Your turn:

**Thanks to** \_\_\_\_\_ the reforms of the education system \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ teachers are made a lot busier than before \_\_\_\_\_.

Step 5

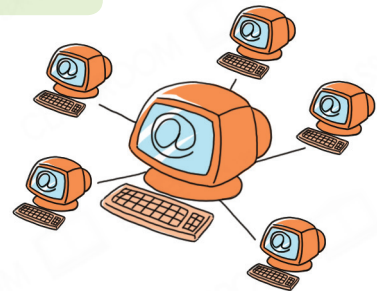


They **have taken it for granted that** smartphones are a daily necessity.

Purpose: to believe something is true without questioning it

Structure: somebody + take it for granted that + clause

e.g. We cannot **take it for granted that** all information on the Internet is accurate.



Your turn:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Many youngsters** \_\_\_\_\_ **take it for granted that**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **being slim is equal to being beautiful** \_\_\_\_\_.