

to indicate how you are speaking (I am speaking frankly/truthfully, from a personal standpoint, etc.)	frankly, honestly, personally, seriously, to be honest	Frankly , I don't agree with your argument. Quite honestly , I can't imagine reading a book on an e-reader. I think they're a terrible invention, personally .
to introduce a new subject you have just thought of, or add more information	actually, by the way (spoken), incidentally, indeed (formal)	I've known Jane for years. Since we were at primary school, actually . I went to see Jessie J's concert last week. Incidentally/By the way , what do you think of her latest album?
to change the subject or end the conversation (spoken)	anyway	Anyway , let's leave that for the moment and talk about it tomorrow. Anyway , I must be going now.

Commenting with infinitive and participle clauses

We can use infinitive and participle clauses to indicate the speaker's/writer's attitude or add a comment on its truth, e.g.:

- *to be honest/to tell the truth*:

To tell the truth, I never believed we would win a gold medal. I thought we would lose, **to be honest**.

- *all things considered/considering the circumstances/generally speaking*:

All things considered, the team did very well.

The more expensive the equipment, **generally speaking**, the better it is.

Commenting with finite comment clauses

We can also use finite comment clauses in speech, such as: *as you know, I'm afraid, I'm happy/sad/sorry to say, you know, you see*:

I'm afraid I don't understand modern technology.

I grew up before computers were invented, **you see**.

My granddaughter is teaching me how to use one, **I'm happy to say**.

1 Choose the correct option.

- The international system of copyright protection is *obviously / probably* wholly inadequate and needs to be reformed.
- New technology has *without doubt / anyway* had a disruptive effect on the music industry.
- Those who share music files without paying often claim they are hitting back against fat-cat music executives. *Indeed / In fact*, all they are doing is hurting musicians.
- Online streaming services could *potentially / wrongly* be the saviour of the music industry.
- Frankly / Interestingly*, around four times as many people are now paying for the services as a few years ago.
- Unfortunately / Undoubtedly*, one in four Internet users still pirate music, according to figures from the music industry.

2 Choose the correct adverbs or adverbial expressions (A–D).

Quite ¹ , social media has come in for a lot of criticism from the older generation who are unfamiliar with it. Parents often think the use of social media is distracting and harmful for students, whereas ² it offers many opportunities for collaborative learning. ³ , social media is already being introduced into the classroom itself for educational purposes.

⁴ , some schools have organised technology evenings to help parents learn how to use different social networking resources. The results have been very positive, ⁵ . Many parents have ⁶ become enthusiastic supporters of the use of social media tools in the classroom.

⁷ , there are some downsides to using social media in the classroom. Ensuring students are using social media properly in class can ⁸ pose difficulties.

⁹ , some students could experience cyberbullying from other students.

However, as the benefits of social media become clearer, it will ¹⁰ come to be seen as an effective way to increase student learning.

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| 1 A possibly | B understandably |
| C personally | D plainly |
| 2 A in fact | B seriously |
| C anyway | D of course |
| 3 A Without doubt | B To tell the truth |
| C Indeed | D All things considered |
| 4 A Hopefully | B Frankly |
| C Interestingly | D Definitely |
| 5 A to be honest | B of course |
| C in a way | D generally speaking |
| 6 A doubtless | B actually |
| C presumably | D likely |
| 7 A Admittedly | B Thankfully |
| C Wrongly | D Crucially |
| 8 A interestingly | B incidentally |
| C clearly | D honestly |
| 9 A Likely | B Unfortunately |
| C Actually | D Probably |
| 10 A strikingly | B regrettably |
| C happily | D hopefully |