3*. Imagine that you are taking part in the international conference on the topic “The role of the Internet in people’s life”. Tell:*

* *why Internet activities are so popular;*
* *how the Internet can help students in their studies;*
* *whether the Internet can be dangerous; why.*

Good afternoon, dear audience! I’m happy to take part in this conference on the topic *“*The role of the Internet in people’s life*”.* The development of the modern science and technology provides us with the opportunities people didn’t have 15-20 years ago. Computers, cell phones, electronic gadgets have become an important part of our everyday life.

Computers have changed our lives for the better, whether we realize it or not. The main reason is the invention of the Internet. Today it’s a lifestyle for many young people. This global computer system makes our work easier and our leisure time brighter. We use the Internet for on-line shopping and the latest information is available to you every second. Chat groups and social networks are quite popular because you can share your interests, hobbies, make friends with people all over the world. E-mail is popular too because it is faster than sending a letter and cheaper than an international call. The Internet has immense popularity because we use it in almost every sphere of our life: play games, plan holidays, download films and music, keep in touch through Skype.

The Internet has become the integral part of students’ life. It’s a great thing for studies. There is no need to spend days in the libraries- you can find anything you need in no time. If you missed a lesson, your friends or the teacher can send you the material via the Internet. You can even have Skype lessons, Internet conferences and obtain distant education. Moreover, students can find video lessons and seminars, on-line tests and educational programmes on the Internet.

However, this global network can be dangerous. Why? First, endless hours in front of a screen can lead to constant headaches, eyestrain and lack of exercise. Secondly, there might be computer viruses that you download with pictures or video onto your computer. Finally, there are many Internet sites dealing with violence, terrorism or gambling. Some people are not sensible enough to ignore them and it ruins their lives.

On the whole, the world of the Internet is really exciting and boundless. It saves a lot of valuable time, opens new horizons, helps to know modern tendencies.