# **Core Skills Analysis**

# **English**

- Cian practiced critical listening skills by analyzing and comparing information obtained from two different educational videos.
- He articulated similarities and differences between computer and smartphone components, enhancing his technical vocabulary and descriptive language related to technology.
- Cian engaged in a comparative discussion which likely improved his argumentative and reasoning skills, specifically in structuring his thoughts logically around technology concepts.
- By considering safety rules and their application across multiple devices, Cian expanded his ability to synthesize information and express cause-and-effect relationships clearly.

# Information Technology (IT)

- Cian learned to identify and understand key hard drive components in both computers and smartphones.
- He developed an awareness of the functional similarities and differences between device components, deepening his understanding of hardware design and application.
- By evaluating safety rules, Cian demonstrated knowledge of practical device handling and risk mitigation applicable across technologies like computers, smartphones, and gaming consoles.
- The activity cultivated analytical thinking by prompting him to compare hardware uses and safety considerations, reinforcing his understanding of technology integration in everyday devices.

#### **Tips**

To further develop Cian's understanding, encourage him to create a Venn diagram comparing not only the hardware components of computers, smartphones, and gaming consoles, but also their software functionalities. Facilitate hands-on learning by having him disassemble (or virtually explore) older devices to identify physical components himself. Prompt Cian to write a short safety manual or infographic that outlines appropriate usage and maintenance tips for each device type. Additionally, consider integrating a project where he investigates emerging technologies or innovations in device storage and security, helping him connect current knowledge to future trends.

# **Book Recommendations**

- <u>How Computers Work</u> by Ron White: An illustrated guide that explains computer components and functions in an accessible way for young teens.
- <u>Cool Smartphones</u> by Nick Arnold: This book explores the technology inside smartphones and how these devices work in everyday life.
- <u>Gaming Hardware Hacks</u> by Matthew Beck: A fun and informative look at the technology behind gaming consoles and how to keep them running safely.

# **Learning Standards**

- ACELY1717: Use comprehension strategies to interpret information and ideas in spoken texts.
- ACTDIK023: Define and decompose a problem using components of devices.
- ACTDIP017: Plan and manage projects to investigate hardware and safety features.
- ACELY1722: Discuss and compare information, articulating similarities and differences clearly.

# **Try This Next**

- Create a detailed comparison chart or infographic labeling the components found in computers, smartphones, and gaming consoles.
- Write a scenario-based quiz asking which safety rules apply in different situations involving

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these devices.			