iPhone 18 Pro Max adds big battery

LEVEL A2/B1



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I. WARM-UP

1. What do you use your phone for most each day?
2. What is more important to you: camera or battery life?
3. How big is your current phone's screen?

II. KEY VOCABULARY

battery
The part of a phone that stores power to make it work.

charge
Filling a phone's battery with power.

screen
The flat front of a phone where you see pictures and text.

heavy
Having a lot of weight and not easy to hold for long.

pocket
A small open part in clothes where you can carry things.

strap
A band you attach to a phone or case to hold it more safely.

upgrade
An improvement that makes a product better than before.

chatbot
A program that talks with users and helps them using AI.

III. READING

Apple's iPhone 18 Pro Max is the supersized version of the 18 Pro. It costs from £1,299 and has a 6.9in screen, a big battery and top cameras. It uses the fast A20 Pro chip and iOS 27 with a new Siri AI chatbot. It also gets its biggest battery upgrade yet and has the longest iPhone battery life.

This phone is very large and heavy at 249g. Many people will need two hands to use it, and a strap or case handle helps. It can be hard to fit in a pocket, but the bright screen is great for films and games. Battery life is the star. In light use it can last almost three days, about a day longer than the 18 Pro.

A full charge takes about 70 minutes, or 80% in 32 minutes, with a 60W USB-C charger (not included). The 18 Pro Max keeps long software support and a first-class camera, but the size is the trade-off. If you want the biggest screen and the longest iPhone battery, this model pushes things to the max.

Reading text adapted from reporting by **The Guardian***: "iPhone 18 Pro Max review: Apple's biggest...". Original article linked at theenglishwire.com.*

IV. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the starting price of the iPhone 18 Pro Max?
2. How big is the phone's screen?
3. Why do many people need two hands to use this phone?
4. With light use, how long can the battery last?
5. What software and new AI feature does the phone include?

V. DISCUSSION

1. Do you like very big screens on phones? Why or why not?
2. How important is long battery life when you buy a phone?
3. Would the 249g weight be a problem for you? Why?
4. Is the price worth it for these features? Explain your view.

VI. GRAMMAR FOCUS

Articles

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*"It has **an** enormous screen."*

VII. GRAMMAR EXERCISE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. It is (an / a) upgrade for battery life.
2. It has (the / a) biggest screen in the range.
3. Buy (the / a) case; any will do.
4. This is (a / the) charger I meant.
5. It's (a / an) iPhone model from Apple.

Teacher's Notes

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I. LESSON GUIDE

- Timing: 8 minutes warm-up, 8–10 minutes vocabulary, 10–12 minutes reading, 8–10 minutes comprehension, 10 minutes discussion. Fold grammar into reading/comprehension time if needed.
- Pre-teach: battery, charge, strap, upgrade, chatbot. Show a photo of a large phone to model heavy, pocket and two hands.
- Reading and discussion: do a gist read (main advantage vs drawback), then a detail read for numbers (price, size, weight, charge times). This topic involves personal buying choices; allow students to answer about imagined use if they do not want to talk about their own phones.
- Differentiation: pair stronger readers to find and underline all numbers and units; others highlight adjectives (big, heavy, bright) and match them to nouns. For early finishers, compare the 18 Pro Max with a smaller phone they know.

II. DISCUSSION FACILITATION TIPS

1. Poll the room for yes/no, then pair up opposites to share reasons before open class.
2. Ask students to rank features (battery, camera, screen) and justify the top choice.
3. Have students hold an object ~250g to feel the weight, then discuss in pairs.
4. Set up a quick mini-debate: value for money vs too expensive; swap sides once.

III. EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Writing: In pairs, write a 60-word buyer's guide note: Who should buy the 18 Pro Max and why?

Presentation: In small groups, make a 1-minute pitch comparing the 18 Pro Max with a smaller phone you know.

IV. ANSWER KEY OVERVIEW

Comprehension questions: short factual answers from the text.

Grammar exercise: Articles

Discussion: open-ended. Accept any reasonable ideas supported by examples and reasoning.

Answer Key

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   £1,299.
2. How big is the phone's screen?
   6.9 inches.
3. Why do many people need two hands to use this phone?
   Because it is very large and heavy at 249g.
4. With light use, how long can the battery last?
   Almost three days.
5. What software and new AI feature does the phone include?
   iOS 27 with a new Siri AI chatbot.

V. DISCUSSION

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