

Here are some words you need to know to understand the CBC interview.

texting	When you use your cell phone to send someone a written message, it's called texting.
Twitter	Twitter is a social networking service. It allows you to answer the question "What are you doing?" by sending short text messages of about 140 characters to your friends or to people who follow you on Facebook. These messages are called <i>tweets</i> .
the 24-hour news cycle	The 24-hour news cycle is the news system that makes news available to us at all times, day and night.
to be bombarded	We often say we are bombarded with information or questions. It means we're hearing too much or too many questions. For example: The students bombarded their professor with questions about the exam. Everyone was speaking at once and no-one could be heard.
to have a thought cross your mind	This idiom refers to times when you have a sudden or passing thought or idea. For example: It crossed my mind that the store was closing early today and that I needed to hurry if I was going to get there on time.
a decade	A decade is a ten year time period.
to cram	You are cramming something in when you try to force, press, or squeeze it into an insufficient space or time. For example: Maria had one exam Tuesday and another on Wednesday. She had to cram a week's worth of studying into twenty-four hours.
communications science	Communications science explores how people use messages to inform, persuade and entertain others.
communication disorders	Communication disorders are when someone has problems in speech, language, and/or hearing. Examples of disorders range from saying sounds incorrectly to being completely unable to speak or be understood. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists provide services to evaluate, diagnose, and treat communication disorders.
clarity	If you speak with clarity, it means you speak clearly and it is easier for listeners to hear what you are saying.
words per minute	Words per minute describes the rate at which someone speaks, writes or types. The rate is actually a calculation.

typically	Typically is another word for usually. It means that something happens or takes place in the usual way or the way you would expect it to happen. For example: Typically, our classes run from nine to noon.
the central nervous system	The main part of the body's nervous system is called the central nervous system. It consists of the brain and the spinal cord. The central nervous system controls how the body feels pain, heat etc. and it controls movement.
to comprehend something	If you are able to comprehend something, it means that you understand it.
an elongated vowel	Elongate means to lengthen or make longer. An elongated vowel takes longer to pronounce.
to advocate for something	If you say publicly that you think something should happen or should be done, you are advocating for it. For example: Gudrun believes that Canada should let in more immigrants. She met with her Member of Parliament to advocate for an increase in Canadian immigration quotas.
television news broadcasters	The people who deliver the news or current events on TV are known as news broadcasters.
to take a hint	This idiom describes situations when you suggest something to someone and they behave as you suggested. Often the original suggestion is subtle or indirect. For example: The day before Mother's Day Mom told me lilies were her favourite flower. I can take a hint! I went out and bought her a bouquet of lilies for Mother's Day.
constant feedback	When you continuously give someone advice, criticism and/or praise on something they have done, you are providing constant feedback.
to pause between phrases	If you stop speaking between thoughts or groups of words (phrases) and then start again, you are pausing. For example, you may pause to take a breath, collect your thoughts or look at the audience.
to mark something down	When you mark something down, you write it down, often to help you keep track. For example: The week before she started her low sodium diet, Gina marked down and kept track of the sodium content of everything she ate.