



## The Future Has Arrived

I love technology. When I heard about 4G arriving in Reunion Island I must admit I was excited. **No longer** were the days of **buffering** when trying to **stream** a video, or **at least** that is what I thought.

I **made sure** my phone was fully charged and I had all the correct **settings** ready to finally see the 4G symbol on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The morning came and went, still no 4G. I **couldn't help** but feel that they had somehow forgotten about me...

**Around** noon, I finally saw the 4G symbol. **Hallelujah!** I quickly went to stream some videos on the net to see the 4G **in action**. I was, however, a little **disappointed** with the **speed**, it didn't seem to be as fast as the 4G in the UK. Although the videos did stream with only **slight** buffering, I couldn't help but compare it to being able to watch HD videos at the push of a button. I decided to be patient, something that is very difficult for me, and see if the service improved. As the days and weeks passed the speed increased and it is now slightly comparable to that of the UK. I can now stream videos in HD but it is still not perfect.

Not only has 4G allowed Reunion Island to move with the technological times, it has also **opened the floodgates** for **mass competition**. Gone are the days of expensive **phone contracts** with hardly any **data allowance**. Now the prices are, in my opinion, more reasonable. No they are not as cheap as the UK but they are better than they were. There are now contracts, which boast 20 gigabytes of internet for as little as 25€. I think this is a massive advantage for everybody living in Reunion Island! I would go as far as to say that I think in the coming months the contracts will again reduce in price, with the introduction of other phone companies to the island.

In addition to the **cheaper** prices, I feel that I have better **signal** quality. Even when at home, I have a full signal so I no longer need to hang out of the window to try and gain a few extra **bars!**

As I said, I am so happy that Reunion Island is moving forward with technology and I am excited to see what the future holds for us in paradise!





## Vocabulary

no longer = ne...plus

buffering/ to buffer = charger

to stream = regarder en streaming

at least = au moins

to make sure = vérifier

settings = paramètres

cannot help = ne pas pouvoir s'empêcher

around = vers

hallelujah = alléluia

in action = en fonctionnement

to be disappointed = être déçu

speed = vitesse

slight = léger

to open the floodgates = ouvrir la porte à qqch

mass competition = concurrence de masse

phone contracts = forfaits

data allowance = internet inclus avec le forfait

cheaper = moins cher

signal = réseau

bars = barres