

Men, women, and the Internet

1 VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION the Internet

a Do you ever visit any of the websites on this page, or websites like them? How much time do you spend a day on the Internet? Do you use it mainly for your work / studies or for pleasure?

b Look at some words and phrases related to the Internet. Match them with their definitions.

attach|ment down|load google log in on|line
search for skype so|cial net|work up|load wi|fi

- 1 _____ *adj, adv* on the Internet
- 2 _____ *noun* sth you send with an email, e.g., a document or a photo
- 3 _____ *verb* to move sth from your computer to an Internet site, e.g., photos
- 4 _____ *verb* to move sth from an Internet site to your computer, e.g., music, movies
- 5 _____ *verb* to type words into the search engine Google® to find information about sb / sth
- 6 _____ *verb* to make a telephone call over the Internet
- 7 _____ *verb* to type your username (usually your name or email address) and a password to begin using a computer or a website
- 8 _____ *noun* a way of connecting a computer to the Internet without wires
- 9 _____ *noun* a website that people use to communicate, e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- 10 _____ *verb* to try to find sb or sth, e.g., on the Internet

Dictionary abbreviations
sth = something sb = somebody

c 535 Listen and check. Repeat the words. Underline the stressed syllable in the multisyllable words.



2 SPEAKING & LISTENING

- a With a partner, look at some things that people do on the Internet. For each one, say if you do it often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never.

I often send emails for work. What about you?



- ☐ send personal emails
- ☐ send emails for work
- ☐ read the news
- ☐ buy things on shopping websites
- ☐ buy things on eBay (or a similar site)
- ☐ get sports information
- ☐ visit websites about health and medicine
- ☐ use social networks
- ☐ play games
- ☐ download music
- ☐ visit forums about diet or caring for children
- ☐ use online banking
- ☐ use online maps for directions
- ☐ book tickets and hotels online



- b Now go through the list again and write **M** if you think men do them more than women, **W** if you think women do them more than men, and **ND** if you think there is no difference.
- c **536**) Listen to an interview with a marketing expert about how men and women use the Internet. Check your answers.
- d Do you think the situation is the same in your country?

3 GRAMMAR articles

- a Complete the email with *a, an, the, or -* (= no article).

Sent: Friday, July 8 4:16 PM
To: Carola Whitney
Subject: Re: Hello!

Hi Carola,

Thanks for your email. I would really like to write to you and practice my English.

I'm ¹ student at Buenos Aires University. It's ² biggest university in Argentina. I'm studying ³ medicine. I live in Buenos Aires with my grandmother, ⁴ my mother's mother, because my family lives in ⁵ small town far away, but I go ⁶ home on ⁷ weekend.

I love listening to ⁸ classical music, and ⁹ last week, I went to ¹⁰ amazing concert at ¹¹ Opera House here.

- b **Grammar Bank** Learn more about articles and practice them.

- c Work in pairs. **A** choose a circle. Think of three things, three places, etc., and tell **B**. **B** respond and ask for more information. Then change roles.

I love fish, strawberries, and chocolate cake. I don't like tomatoes.

Tomatoes? Why not?

3 kinds of food you love (and one you don't like)

3 things you sometimes do on Saturday evening

3 things you always have in your bag or pocket

3 things you do first thing in the morning

3 things you did last night

3 things women usually like doing (but men don't)

3 jobs you would like to do (and one you wouldn't)

3 things men usually like doing (but women don't)

11C articles

1 a / an

A What's this? B It's **a** photo of my daughter.)))
A What do they do? B Jim's **a** doctor. Sally's **an** engineer.
A How often do they have classes? B Three times **a** week.

2 the

Can you close **the window**, please?
Can you check their address on **the Internet**?
It's **the best** restaurant I know.

3 a or the?

Let's have **a** pizza. **The** pizzas are very good here.

4 no article

Men are usually more interested in sports than **women**.
She's **my mother's cousin**. That's **Tom's chair**!
Jim goes to **school** by **bus**.

1 We use a / an

- to say what something is or what job people do.
- in expressions of frequency.

2 We use the

- when the speaker and hearer know the thing we are talking about: *Close **the window**.* = the one that is open.
- when there is only one of something: *the Internet, the sun*, etc.
- before superlative adjectives: *the biggest, the best*, etc.

3 We often use a the first time we mention a person or thing and then the the next time because it is now clear who or what we are talking about.

4 We don't usually use the

- when we talk about people or things in general:
***Men** are more interested in sports than **women**.* (general)
***The women** in this class work harder than **the men**.* (specific)
- before possessive 's. *She's my mother's cousin.* NOT *She's the my mother's cousin.*
- with the following:
meals: *breakfast, lunch, dinner*, etc.
places: *work, school, college, bed, home*, etc.
by + transportation: *go by car, travel by train*, etc.

a Circle the correct word or phrase.

How much time do you spend on *Internet* / *the Internet*?

- 1 My brother is at college / *at the college* studying math.
- 2 I'd like *cup of tea* / *a cup of tea*, please.
- 3 We're going to visit my aunt *on weekend* / *on the weekend*.
- 4 We have English classes *twice a week* / *twice week*.
- 5 I love reading *novels* / *the novels*.
- 6 Yolanda is *best* / *the best* student in our class.
- 7 My mom's *lawyer* / *a lawyer*.
- 8 He's *the man* / *a man* that I told you about yesterday.
- 9 Can you open *a door* / *the door* for me, please?
- 10 He had *breakfast* / *the breakfast* late this morning.

b Complete with the, a / an, or -.

I'm going to buy *a* new laptop next week.

- 1 What time do you finish ____ work?
- 2 We usually go to the movies once ____ month.
- 3 ____ children behaved very badly yesterday.
- 4 Lorena doesn't like ____ dogs.
- 5 I want to be ____ engineer when I finish studying.
- 6 ____ sun came out so we went for a walk.
- 7 Can you pass ____ salt, please?
- 8 My mom chose ____ most expensive dessert.
- 9 Last year, we went on vacation by ____ train.
- 10 This is Joanne. She's ____ very good friend.