



COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET



Scan to review worksheet

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Warm up

In small groups, answer the questions below.

1. How good are you with computers? What would you like to do that you can't?
2. What are your family members like with computers?
3. Do you write a blog? If you were going to start one, what would it be about?
4. What's your favorite app? Why do you like it so much?
5. What was the last thing you bought online? How much online shopping do you do?
6. How safe do you think your passwords are? How often do you change them?





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Vocabulary

Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs below.

browse	click	download	paste	post
print	scroll	search	tag	upload

- Person A:** Why are you _____¹ this huge PDF onto your laptop? It'll take up a lot of space.
- Person B:** Yeah, it's taking ages. I think I'll just copy and _____² the parts that I need.
- Person C:** Have you ever tried _____³ your own name on Google?
- Person D:** I have. Most of the first entries are for an American politician who has the same name as me, but if you _____⁴ down a bit you'll see my Facebook page and other things about me.
- Person E:** I've _____⁵ my essay onto my drive. I want to make sure I don't lose it.
- Person F:** Good idea. That's better than _____⁶ it - you're saving some paper at least.
- Person G:** I can't believe Shania _____⁷ that photo of us at the party yesterday on Instagram. Look at my face!
- Person H:** Well, at least she didn't _____⁸ you, so it will be harder for your friends to see it.
- Person I:** What are you doing with my laptop?
- Person J:** I'm just _____⁹ and looking for some sneakers to buy.
- Person I:** OK, but don't _____¹⁰ on any suspicious links. My antivirus has expired.





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Reading

Read the article on page four and answer the questions below.

1. What does the article say about your online data?
 - a. If you take the right steps, you can remove all your online data.
 - b. If something online is free, they are making money from sharing your data.
 - c. Most apps share your data with over twenty other companies.
 - d. The issue of data privacy has improved over the last years.
2. According to the article, cyberbullying
 - a. is made worse by people who don't do anything.
 - b. is against the law in every country.
 - c. is only a problem for children and teenagers.
 - d. can be solved just by making your passwords safer.
3. What is the best way to identify fake news, according to the article?
 - a. checking the author
 - b. using your search engine
 - c. not sharing news you're not sure of
 - d. being sensible
4. Is Google Docs or Word better, in the author's opinion?
 - a. Google Docs is better because you can access them from anywhere.
 - b. Word is better because its functions are better developed.
 - c. They are both good and it depends on how you need to use them.
 - d. Neither – there are other options available which are better.





Online Q&A

We answer all your computer or Internet-related questions!

1. How much information about me is there online?

Probably a lot! That's because most online apps and social media platforms are free, and if you're not paying for a product, you are the product. A study back in 2017 found that an average app shares your data with around ten other companies, and one in five of them share with more than twenty. Things have only got worse since. Some of your online data will always be out there, but there are a few steps you can take, such as changing your social media privacy settings, clicking on 'just essential cookies' when asked, and using the private mode when you are browsing.

2. How can I avoid cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a very serious problem these days, especially with younger users, but also in the workplace. If you are being cyberbullied, first of all educate yourself on the topic to find out what help you can get. Schools and companies have very strict rules against cyberbullying, and it's illegal in many countries. It also helps to be extra careful with your passwords and to not open messages if you don't know who sent them. Maybe more importantly: if you see cyberbullying, don't ignore it. You might think it's not a big deal but for the person being bullied it is.

3. How can I identify fake news online?

Fake news is another big issue made worse by the Internet. It's not new - the term, fake news was used back in the 19th century - but as now most people get their news from social media, it has become much easier to spread false information. To find out if a piece of news is fake, your common sense is your best weapon. Also, check who wrote it: is it a well-known media source? Search what other sources say, or type 'fake news' in your search engine and copy and paste the title of the article in question. And don't share anything you're not 100% sure of - you should be a part of the solution, not of the problem.

4. Is it better to use Word or Google Docs?

That's a tricky one - they both have pros and cons. Google Docs' biggest advantage used to be that you could access documents from different devices, but Microsoft now have their OneDrive. Word still has better functions as they have been developing their word processor for over 30 years, but especially for teamwork, Google's easily-shared docs can be useful. Another useful feature they now both have is that you can access previous versions of your documents, so you don't risk losing anything. All in all, I'd say it depends on what you're doing - and don't forget they're not the only two on the market.





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Listening: part 1

Listen to a podcast where people complain about computers and the Internet. Put the topics in the order they are mentioned.

- _____ Problems with a printer
- _____ Tagging people in photos
- _____ Phone updates

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Listening: part 2

Listen to the podcast again. Complete the sentences with a word, a number or a short phrase.

1. Charlotte thinks that people should ask for _____ before tagging someone.
2. When you tag someone, social media uses it to _____ you.
3. The podcaster thinks Nora needs help from an _____.
4. _____ % of people don't have the basic skills to fix a computer problem.
5. Julio finds it annoying that apps _____ themselves automatically.
6. The podcaster suggests that Julio gets _____.

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Speaking

Find someone in the classroom for each of the sentences below. When someone says the sentence is true for them, ask for more details. Try to speak to as many classmates as possible.

Find someone who...

doesn't use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge as their browser.	
controls their social media privacy settings.	
knows someone who has been cyberbullied.	
has spread fake news.	
uses both Word and Google docs.	
can set up a printer.	
posts at least one selfie a day.	
has clicked on a link and downloaded a virus.	
has five or more social media accounts.	
has used a 3D printer.	



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Extension activity 1: Hardware and software

Put S (software) or H (hardware) next to each of the following words:

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| 1. a hard drive _____ | 7. an application _____ |
| 2. a keyboard _____ | 8. an operating system _____ |
| 3. a 3D printer _____ | 9. speakers _____ |
| 4. a media player _____ | 10. a scanner _____ |
| 5. a mouse _____ | 11. a spreadsheet _____ |
| 6. an antivirus _____ | 12. a word processor _____ |

Which of the above devices or programs would you use to...

1. make a copy of an object that's on your screen? _____
2. make a copy of a sheet of paper on your screen? _____
3. play chess online? _____
4. protect your computer from harmful programs? _____
5. double-click on an icon? _____
6. play music or videos? _____
7. type out an email or document? _____
8. calculate your monthly expenses? _____

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Extension activity 2

In small groups, record a video about your complaints with computers and the Internet.

