

UNIT 3

THE INTERNET AND US



Pre-Reading

What can you see from the picture?

Look at the picture and write the answers.

1. The woman is using a _____. a. television b. computer
2. Do you have one of these at home? a. yes b. no

New Words

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Reading Track 5



Every one of us uses the Internet almost every day. We all know that it is a very useful tool. But most of us take the Internet for granted and forget just how important it is to our daily lives. Have you ever thought about what life was like before we had the Internet?

Years before the Internet became common to everyone, it took about 1 week to send a letter from one country to another. But now, it takes just a few seconds to send a message through e-mail*.

Information was also very difficult to find. People had to spend a lot of time at libraries just to find the information they were looking for. But thanks to the Internet, we can now find the information we need on the Internet just by clicking a mouse.

* e-mail: electronic mail; mail sent through the Internet



Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "it" (line 2) refers to _____.
2. The word "they" (line 12) refers to _____.



Understanding the Main Idea

Circle the best answer.

1. The main idea of this passage is that _____.
a. information was hard to find long ago
b. people can send messages very fast
c. the Internet has become very important to us
2. The best title for this passage would be _____.
a. The Internet: A Very Useful Tool
b. Information: Very Important to Our Lives
c. E-mail: Sending Messages Very Fast



Understanding Details

Circle the best answer.

1. The Internet is very _____.
a. useful b. slow c. unimportant
2. If we use the Internet, we can send messages in _____.
a. a week b. a few seconds c. a few days
3. Before the Internet, people had to _____ to look for information.
a. click a mouse b. write a letter c. go to the library



Vocabulary Practice

Fill in each blank with one of the words in the list below.

1. With the Internet, we can now get _____ very fast.
2. People go to the _____ to borrow books.
3. The Internet has become very important to our _____ lives.
4. We can get lots of _____ information using the Internet.
5. Using computers, people can send _____ in just a few seconds.

useful

daily

messages

information

library